



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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Apply to Become an ABPN Test Development Committee Member

Applications for committee membership will remain open year-round. Reviews of submitted applications will occur once per year in the summer. We anticipate membership openings in 2027 on the following committees: psychiatry, neurology, child neurology, child and adolescent psychiatry, consultation-liaison psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, clinical neurophysiology, epilepsy, and vascular neurology.

The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) is committed to the highest standards in certification. To do so, we depend on physicians volunteering their time and expertise as members of our test development committees.

We are seeking applicants for our test development committees in psychiatry, neurology, child neurology, and most of our subspecialties. There are separate committees for certification examinations and article exams for the Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) pathway. Candidates for committee membership must be certified in the applicable field by the ABPN, actively participate in ABPN Continuing Certification (CC) with timely documentation of CC requirements in the ABPN Physician Portal, and have **at least three years of clinical experience post-training** in their specialty and, if applicable, in their subspecialty.

In reviewing applications, the ABPN considers multiple aspects including, but not limited to, factors such as subspecialty or other specific expertise, practice type and work setting, geographic distribution, and other experiences that would foster the work of the committees.

If you are interested in applying to serve on a committee, please click the following link to submit an application: [ABPN Exam Committee Online Application](#). Applicants will be asked to upload their CV and a one-page cover letter. The online application describes what can be included in the cover letter. While the cover letter may highlight any expertise or experience of relevance to ABPN work, including any experience with exam question writing or other educational assessments, many of our committee members work in non-academic settings and/or do not have such experience prior to volunteering for our committees. All committee volunteers will be asked to disclose outside interests, which will be reviewed in accord with the ABPN Conflict of Interest Policy. Please note that, in addition to assessing competing financial interests, the policy restricts ABPN participation for those involved in materials explicitly presented as for 'board preparation,' or holding roles with other examining/certifying organizations in psychiatry or neurology.

Some of the benefits of serving on an ABPN committee:

- Learn a wide range of material in the field, including by writing new questions and by reviewing and discussing questions written by others.
- Help shape ABPN assessments and ensure their accuracy and relevance to clinical practice.
- Develop ongoing professional relationships with people from various career paths across the nation.
- Promote career advancement, in part by building a network of national peers who can serve as letter-writing referees via committee membership.

Please review the following documents, which are also available through the online application:

[Responsibilities for Certification Examination Committee members](#)

[Responsibilities for Article-Based Continuing Certification \(ABCC\) Committee members](#)