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# WHAT MAKES ABPS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER BOARDS?



Has a long history in the certification of appropriately educated, trained and experienced allopathic and osteopathic physicians.



Is the only multi-specialty physician certifying body in the U.S. that accepts physicians for recertification who have been certified by Member Boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (AOABOS).



Blends the ideas and approaches of both allopathic and osteopathic training into its physician board certification programs.



Is the only multi-specialty physician certifying body in the U.S. that requires a physician to successfully complete a non-remedial medical ethics course as a condition of recertification.



Is the first multi-specialty physician certifying body in the U.S. to invite public members to be part of its boards of certification.



Does not require membership with an affiliate association or organization to sit for our exams.



Continues to create and develop new and innovative boards of certification.



Has never offered life certification.



# BOARD CERTIFICATION FOR QUALIFYING PHYSICIANS

The American Board of Physician Specialties® (ABPS®) is the nation's third largest recognized physician multi-specialty certifying body, providing board certification and recertification to thousands of allopathic and osteopathic physicians in 16+ medical specialties. The ABPS, part of the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc. (AAPS), which was established in 1950, continues to develop and add new boards of certification. Its Diplomates serve as members of state medical boards and officers in state medical societies and hold academic appointments at several medical schools.



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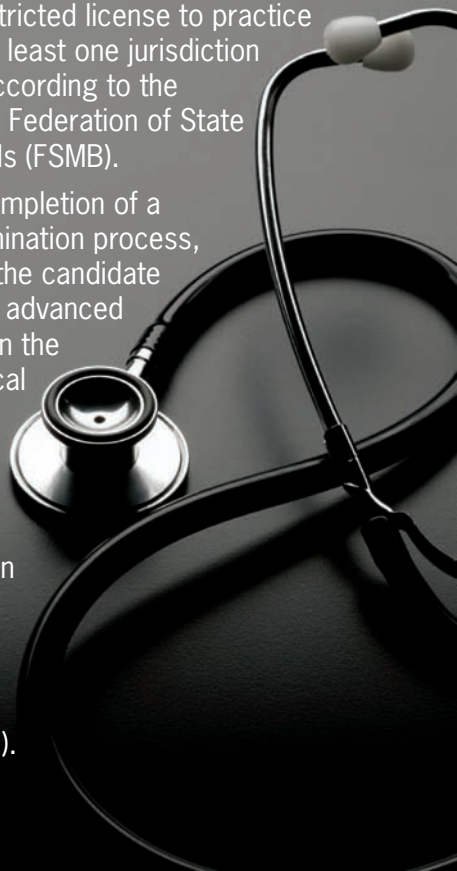
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# BOARDS OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

The ABPS boards have rigorous requirements which help to assure the public that physicians obtaining certification have met high standards of knowledge and expertise in their specialty. These include:

- Graduation from a duly accredited medical school.
- Successful completion of medical residency training program approved by the ACGME or AOA that includes substantial and identifiable training in the specialty being tested.
- Establishment of sufficient post-educational clinical experience.
- Full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one jurisdiction of the U.S., according to the policies of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).
- Successful completion of a rigorous examination process, verifying that the candidate possesses an advanced level of skills in the specific medical specialty.
- Verification of physician credentials for certification by inquiry to the FSMB Credentials Verification Service (FCVS).



# EXAMINATIONS

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- Provide written and oral practice-based examinations.
- Certification process and examinations analyzed and verified by independent psychometric organization.
- Have been documented as valid, reliable, and psychometrically sound.
- Are consistent with testing standards of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the American Psychological Association (APA).
- Comprehensive report of the practice analysis studies documents the processes used to identify the skills and knowledge needed in the practice of each specialty and to validate their criticality and importance.



# RECERTIFICATION

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- Recertification required every eight (8) years.
- Written examination required for recertification and successful completion of a non-remedial medical ethics course.
- Recertification available to eligible Diplomates of Member Boards of ABMS and AOABOS who meet stringent ABPS recertification requirements.