

ABCN ELIGIBILITY

An applicant who wishes to be examined by the Board must be a physician who has successfully completed residency training in Neurology (including Pediatric Neurology) or a related field such as Neurosurgery, Psychiatry, or a critical care specialty such as Anesthesia or Critical Care, in an ACGME, UCNS or RCPSC-accredited program, and has obtained primary board certification in that area of medical subspecialty.

In addition, an applicant must have completed (or will complete within two months) training for a minimum of 12 months (full time, or full-time-equivalent through extended part time training), as supervised by a senior clinical neurophysiologist, in a CNP fellowship program. At least nine months of the 12 month CNP training following successful completion of residency training is required for board eligible status.

The Critical Care EEG Track requires one year of Neurophysiology/EEG Fellowship training or six months of EEG training during NeuroCritical Care Fellowship and an additional six months of supervised experience either during or following completion of NeuroCritical Care Fellowship training. EEG experience during residency training does not apply to this requirement.

The training required for board eligibility includes broad exposure to the scientific basis of CNP, as well as relevant aspects of technique and instrumentation. Additional knowledge of Sleep, Epilepsy Monitoring, Critical Care EEG, Intraoperative Monitoring and Evoked Potentials is required depending on the track chosen. All candidates are expected to have extensive experience interpreting EEGs, in all age groups and in a wide range of clinical disorders.

ABPN Subspecialty in Clinical Neurophysiology Exemption

As of 2016, new applicants who have earned certification through the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) in Clinical Neurophysiology may submit documentation of this certification and be exempt from taking the ABCN Part I examination. Candidates who are successful on a Part II Track will be awarded a five year Diplomate certification.

ABEM Electrodiagnostic Exemption

As of 2016 applicants who have earned EMG certification through the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine (ABEM) may submit documentation of this certification to be exempt from taking the ABCN Part I examination, and will be eligible to take the Part II NIOM Track. Upon successful completion, a five year certification in Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring will be awarded.

The ABCN also offers examination and certification for international candidates who are ineligible for primary (US) board certification. Primary training in Neurology and subspecialty training in CNP is required, as well as a current license to practice medicine. Upon successful completion of the examination, they will designated "International Diplomates" with added competency in General CNP, EM, NIOM or CC-EEG.

See the Application Procedure in the Candidate Handbook.