Exams 101: What You Need to Know About Board Certification in Foot and Ankle Surgery

The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) is the only foot and ankle surgery certification board recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. Our two-step process of Board Qualification (Part I) and Board Certification (Part II) includes Case Review to ensure thorough clinical experience and surgical skill. That’s why ABFAS certification is the standard of excellence in foot and ankle surgery.

If you’re planning to pursue ABFAS Board Certification and want to better understand the process, then look no further than the recently released Exams 101 one-page document. This valuable resource provides a breakdown of the exams required to become Board Qualified and, subsequently, Board Certified.

Visit the ABFAS Booth at an Upcoming Event

We’ll have staff on hand to answer your questions about ABFAS exams and board qualification at these upcoming events:

• Western Foot and Ankle Conference
  June 22–25, 2023 | Anaheim, California
• APMA 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting
  July 13–16, 2023 | Nashville, Tennessee

Since 1975, ABFAS’ mission has been to protect and improve the health and welfare of the public by the advancement of the art and science of foot and ankle surgery.

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Find Your Exam Pathway

Confused about which exams to take? ABFAS has launched the interactive, online My Exam Pathway tool. Browse the tool to understand your next steps in becoming ABFAS Board Certified, based on the exams you have already passed.

Find Your Path

Did You Know: FYITE Edition

Residents can now count any Final-year In-training Exam (FYITE) with a score of 500 or above as a passed board Exam Qualification exam.

Did you know…

• 76% of the 2023 residency class passed at least one of their October 2022 FYITEs.
• You can now opt to disregard your FYITE.
• Don’t let re-certification fool you. Most residents don’t begin their Board certification until their fourth year, so if a FYITE pass rate is lower than expected, it’s not that big of a deal.
• 73% of the 2023 residency class passed either the RRA Surgery Didactic or the RRA Surgery Computer-based Patient Simulation (CBPS) FYITE. 42% will be Board Qualified in Foot Surgery upon residency completion without having to take any additional Foot Surgery exams.
• 44% of the 2023 residency class passed either the Foot Surgery Didactic and/or the Foot Surgery CBPS FYITE. 16% will be Board Qualified in Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery upon residency completion based on their October FYITE performance.
• ABFAS Board Qualification enables foot and ankle surgeons to obtain initial hospital privileges and get on insurance panels immediately after residency completion.

Learn More

Podcast Sneak Peek: Women & ABFAS Certification

“The problem of women dropping out of the field is something that exists across the entire medical profession. It’s not exclusive to podiatry.”

In this podcast sneak peek, ABFAS Secretary/Treasurer and Past President Michelle Butterworth, DPM, CAPS, D.ABFAS, FACFAS, asks ABFAS Board Member Diana Rogers, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS, to set the record straight on misconceptions about women pursuing ABFAS certification. Full podcast to come—stay tuned!

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