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## 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.

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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 Qualification exam.

Did you know...

- 76% of the 2023 residency class passed at least one of their October 2022 FYITEs.
- You can save up to \$725 if you pass your FYITEs.
- Don't let misinformation fool you! Most residents don't begin Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery (RRA) training until their third year, so a FYITE pass rate on training you have only just begun isn't intimidating—it's impressive!
- 75% of the 2023 residency class passed either the Foot Surgery Didactic and/or the Foot Surgery Computer-based Patient Simulation (CBPS) FYITE. 43% will be ABFAS 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 RRA Surgery Didactic and/or the RRA 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 ACFAS Past President Michelle Butterworth, DPM, 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!

[Take a Sneak Peek](#)

## 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](#) (The National)  
July 13–16, 2023 | Nashville, Tennessee



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