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Mark Your Calendar: Fall Exam Registration Opens June 5



Registration for Fall 2023 exams will open on Monday, June 5, and close on Tuesday, October 3. Only those who completed residency in 2021 or later are eligible to register for the Fall 2023 exams.

[View Exam Dates](#)

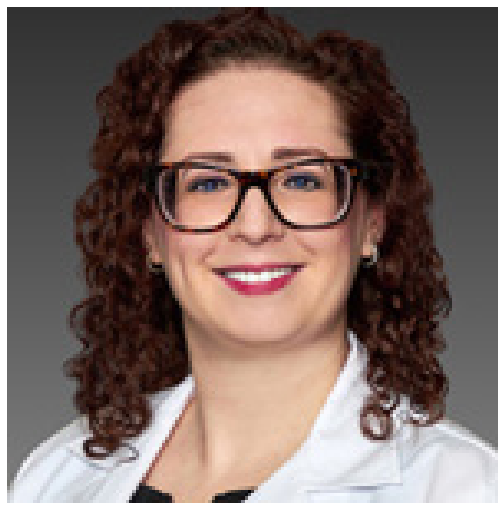
Find Your Exam Pathway



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](#)

Challenging My Own Misconceptions: Case Review



“Every reviewer in the room remembers what it was like putting the work in and waiting to receive their board certification credential. No one wants to stand in the way of a qualified candidate.”

In a [recent post](#), Jennifer Seifert, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS, reflects on her experience as a case reviewer for Spring 2023 Case Review and how the experience challenged her own misconceptions.

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Extenuating Circumstances? File an Extension Request

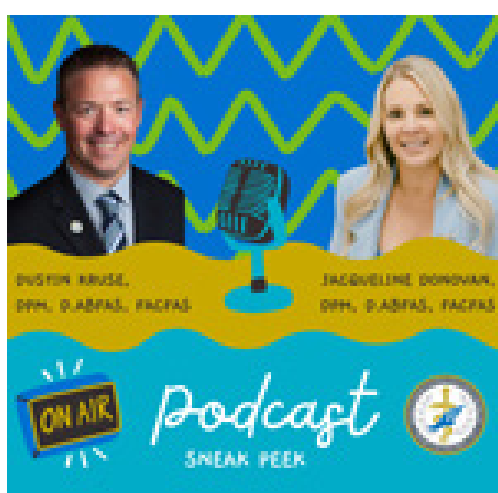


ABFAS understands that life happens. Whether you have started a family, lost a job, been impacted by COVID-19, or experienced other medical or financial hardship, the ABFAS Extension Policy allows Board Qualified candidates who have extenuating circumstances to request additional time to pursue Board Certification.

You should make your extension request in your final year of Board Qualification eligibility and explain why you could not complete the certification exam requirements. If you have not yet passed Case Review, please make sure your PLS case logs are up-to-date to demonstrate your ability to submit for Case Review if the extension request is approved.

Questions? Email us at info@abfas.org.

Podcast Sneak Peek: Pathway to Certification

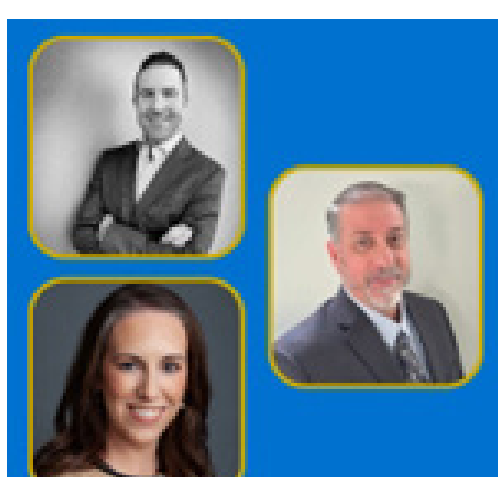


“It took me three years to get board certified, and I thought it was going to take me the full seven, because I didn’t think I was that busy. It’s doable in a very short period of time. Just stay organized.”

In this [podcast sneak peek](#), Jacqueline Donovan, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS, shares her experience becoming ABFAS Board Certified with ABFAS Board Member Dustin Kruse, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS. Full podcast to come—stay tuned!

[Take a Sneak Peek](#)

ICYMI: 2023 ABFAS Election Results



Thank you to all the Diplomates who took the time to vote. The [results](#) are in!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Timothy J. Mineo of Oregon and Dr. Vito Speciale of South Carolina to their first terms on the ABFAS Board of Directors. One incumbent, Dr. Katie M. Swanstrom of Washington, will continue her service on the Board. All three terms will become effective on September 1, 2023, and will end on August 31, 2026.

[Read Full Story](#)

Visit the ABFAS Booth at an Upcoming Event



We’ll have staff on hand to answer questions about exams and certification requirements 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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