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Mark Your Calendar for Fall Exam Dates



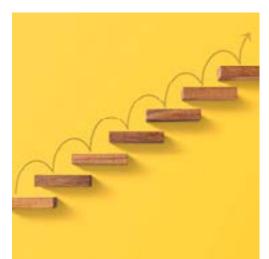
Continuing residency? Remember—your program director will register you for your In-training Exams (ITEs), but you need to schedule the exam appointments with Pearson Vue.

- <u>Completing residency in 2026?</u> PGY-1 & -2 ITEs are September 16–21, 2024. You can choose whether to take the Didactic ITEs at a testing center or online. The NEW Computer-based Simulation (CBPS) ITEs take place only at a Pearson Vue testing center.
- <u>Completing residency in 2025?</u> Foot Surgery Didactic and NEW CBPS Final-year ITEs are Friday, September 27, 2024. RRA Surgery Didactic and NEW CBPS Final-year ITEs are Monday, September 30, 2024. All Final-year ITEs take place at Pearson Vue testing centers.

Graduating residency in 2024? Part I Foot Surgery Didactic and NEW CBPS Exams are Friday, September 27, 2024. Part I RRA Surgery Didactic and NEW CBPS Exams are Monday, September 30, 2024. All Part I exams take place at Pearson Vue testing centers. You must register and schedule yourself. Registration opens June 3,

2024.

Next Steps for Final-year Residents



As you wrap up your final year, you may be wondering: What are my next steps toward ABFAS Board Qualification?

Here is a helpful guide:

If you passed both your Foot Surgery Didactic and Foot Surgery NEW CBPS Exams (or scored 500 or higher on the corresponding Final-year In-Training Exams), you have met the exam requirements for ABFAS Board Qualification in Foot Surgery.

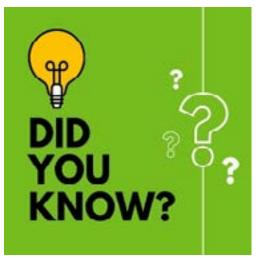
If you passed your Foot Surgery Didactic, Foot Surgery NEW CBPS, RRA Surgery Didactic, and RRA Surgery NEW CBPS Exams (or scored 500 on higher on the corresponding Final-year In-Training Exams), you met the exam requirements for ABFAS Board Qualification in Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery.

Next steps:

- Pay the **FYITE conversion fee**, if applicable.
- Complete residency and submit your residency completion certificate to certifications@abfas.org.
- Submit documentation of an active, unrestricted podiatric medical license to **certifications@abfas.org**.

If you need to retake an exam to meet Board Qualification exam requirements, you can retake the exam(s) in Fall 2024. Registration for Fall exams will open on June 3.

Did You Know: FYITE Edition



Residents can meet ABFAS Part I Board Qualification exam requirements as early as Fall of their final-year by passing their Final-year In-training Exams (ITEs)—saving both time and money.

75% of the 2024 residency class can apply at least one of their passed Final-year ITE scores to meet Part I exam requirements.

Shaping the Future of Podiatric Surgery: A Profile on Dr. Nicole Bauerly



In Dr. Nicole Bauerly, we find not just a remarkable surgeon and leader, but a beacon of inspiration for future generations of podiatric surgeons. Her dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence serve as a testament to the limitless possibilities within the field of medicine.

In a **recent interview**, Jeneen Elagha speaks with ABFAS President Nicole Bauerly, DPM, FACFAS, on her journey navigating the world of medicine as a woman, the pathways to leadership within her profession, and her aspirations for the future.

Read Interview

Board vs. College: What's the Difference?



Many DPMs refer to the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) and the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) interchangeably, but the two are very separate and distinct organizations.

ABFAS is the surgical certification board that develops the policies and examinations for Board Qualification and Board Certification in Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery and grants the title of "ABFAS Board Qualified" and "ABFAS Board Certified" to DPMs who successfully meet the respective requirements.

ACFAS is the professional society only for those who are ABFAS Board Qualified or Certified. It focuses on professional resources and education. Once you become ABFAS Board Qualified, you can join ACFAS as an associate member (AACFAS). Once you become ABFAS Board Certified, you can become an ACFAS Fellow. (FACFAS)

Why I Chose ABFAS Board Certification: Dr. Alan Ng



In this video , ABFAS Past President and ACFAS President-elect Alan Ng, DPM, FACFAS, shares why he chose ABFAS Board Certification and what it means to him:

The ABFAS Board Certification process is very fair and comprehensive in making sure that the surgeon is very well-versed in foot and ankle surgery to perform the proper procedures to address those patients' pathologies and to make sure the profession itself is well regarded.

Are you planning to pursue ABFAS Board Certification? **Submit a short video** on what it means to you to be ABFAS Board Certified, and you could be featured in

Watch Video

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:

- The Western Foot and Ankle Conference June 20–23, 2024 | Anaheim, CA
- American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Annual Scientific Meeting August 8–11, 2024 | Washington, DC



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