

ABCN ELIGIBILITY

An applicant who wishes to be examined by the Board must be a physician (MD, DO, MBBS, or equivalent) who has successfully completed residency training in Neurology/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 board-certified clinical neurophysiologist, in a CNP, Epilepsy or Neuromuscular Fellowship program. At least 9 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.

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, NIOM, EM, and EP 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 or Epilepsy Exemption

As of 2019, new applicants who have earned certification through the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) in **Clinical Neurophysiology** or **Epilepsy** may submit documentation of this certification and be exempt from taking the ABCN General Clinical Neurophysiology examination. Candidates who are successful in any of the ABCN examinations will be awarded a ten-year Diplomate certification in Clinical Neurophysiology with added Competency in Epilepsy Monitoring, Intraoperative Monitoring, Critical Care EEG, or Pediatric EEG.

ABEM and ABPN Electrodiagnostic/Neuromuscular Exemption

As of 2019 applicants who have earned **Electrodiagnostic/Neuromuscular Medicine** certification through the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine (ABEM) or the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) may submit documentation of this certification to be exempt from taking the ABCN General Clinical Neurophysiology examination and will be eligible to take the II NIOM exam. Upon successful completion, a ten-year certification in Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring will be awarded. Certificants will not be boarded in Clinical Neurophysiology.

International Candidates

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 Clinical Neurophysiology is required, as well as a current license to practice medicine. International Diplomates must take the General Clinical Neurophysiology exam and may take other examinations as desired. Upon successful completion of the examination, the designation earned will be “International Diplomate” in Clinical Neurophysiology with added competency in General CNP, EM, NIOM, CC-EEG, or Pedi EEG.