


American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery

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ABFAS and ACFAS Confusion

- ABFAS is a certification board. The **ONLY** recognized **SURGICAL** certification board.
- ACFAS is a membership organization that provides educational programs, a scientific journal, and practice management information to ABFAS Certified and Qualified DPMs. You must hold ABFAS certification to be an ACFAS Fellow.
- **Common Goal:** Protection of public health by advancing the art and science of foot and ankle surgery.

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Our Mission Statement:

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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Why Become ABFAS Certified?


- Prestige: Certification communicates you have made the effort to be a better surgeon. Patients rate Board Certification as the most important selection criterion.
- Many hospitals require Board Qualification and/or Certification as a prerequisite for surgical privileges.
- Many larger medical groups often require certification to become a shareholder or partner.
- ABFAS Diplomates are eligible to become ACFAS fellows.

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About ABFAS:

- **Only** Foot and Ankle Surgery Certification Board recognized by the Specialty Board Recognition Committee (SBRC) under the authority of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA)
- Develops policies and examinations for foot and ankle surgery Board Qualification and Certification.

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Pathway to Certification


- Residency Training
- Part I or Board Qualification Requirements
- Part II or Board Certification Requirements
- Passing Rates
- Frequently Asked Questions

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ABFAS In-training Examination (ITE)

- Make sure your residency program offers the ABFAS In-training Exams (ITEs)
 - **100% participation for Fall of 2021**
- Assess strengths and weaknesses and identify areas that require more study.
- Gain experience with ABFAS exams including the Computer Based Patient Simulation (CBPS) exam.
- Prepares you for ABFAS Board Qualification and Board Certification.
- You can convert passed Final-year ITEs towards your Part I Board Qualification.


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ABFAS ITEs Benefits for Residents

- Saves time: Each passed Final-year ITE = Not having to take equivalent Part I Board Qualification exam
- Saves \$\$\$

	Candidate Cost of Passing All Part I Examinations	Candidate Cost of Converting All Passed ITEs to Count towards Board Qualification
Application Fee	\$225	\$0
Foot Surgery Didactic	\$425	\$300
Foot Surgery CBPS	\$425	\$300
RRA Surgery Didactic	\$425	\$300
RRA Surgery CBPS	\$425	\$300
Total	\$1,925	\$1,200


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PGY1&2 In-training Exams

- 100% of residency programs had their residents take the ABFAS In-training Exams.
- Tests knowledge and skills by four separate exams:
 - Foot Surgery Didactic Exam – 80 items
 - RRA Surgery Didactic Exam – 80 Items
 - Foot Surgery CBPS Exam – 8 cases
 - RRA Surgery CBPS Exam – 8 cases


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2021 Final-year ITE Results

Number of FYITEs Passed	<u>2021</u>
All 4 ITEs	117
3 ITEs	122
2 ITEs	116
1 ITE	<u>99</u>
Total ITEs passed	454


Board Qualified after Residency Completion	
Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery	117
Foot Surgery	182

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Final-year In-training Exams


- Residents in their final year of residency take four ABFAS ITEs that mirror Part I Board Qualification exams.
 - Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery Didactic exams, Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery CBPS exams
- You can convert any passed Final-year In-training Exam to use toward Board Qualification.
 - This will save you money when pursuing ABFAS Board Qualification.
- If you do not pass a Final-year In-training Exam, you can retake it in the Spring.

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New for 2022 In-training Exams

ABFAS will continue to offer online proctored exam options for PGY1&2 Didactic Examinations as part of its ongoing examination process.

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Board Qualification Requirements

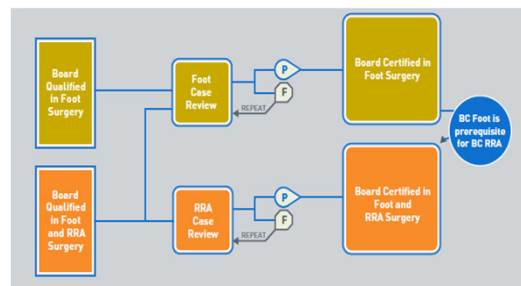
- Completion of Residency and active State License
- Pass Final-year In-training Exams and/or Part I exams



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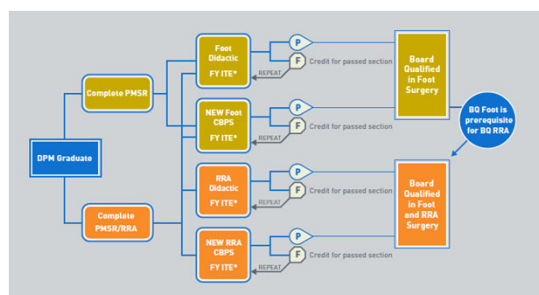
Exam Requirements for Board Certification




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Exam Requirements for Board Qualification



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How do I best prepare for the ABFAS exams?

Visit abfas.org for:

- Study Guides
- Video Tutorials
- Practice Exams
- Documents Detailing Requirements
- In-training Examination Guide for Residency Directors

ABFAS does not endorse any exam prep/board review courses. Vendors offering those services are not ABFAS exam committee members.

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Board Certification Requirements

- Board Qualified Status (Pass Final-year In-Training Exams and/or Part I exams)
- Seven years to become Board Certified after becoming Board Qualified
- Hospital privileges in area of desired certification (Foot or Foot/RRA)
- Pass Case Review

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Frequently Asked Questions

- How many times can I take the Part I Board Qualification exams?
- How can I increase my chances of passing the Final-year In-training Exams or Part I Board Qualification exams?
- How does a fellowship affect Board Qualification and Certification?

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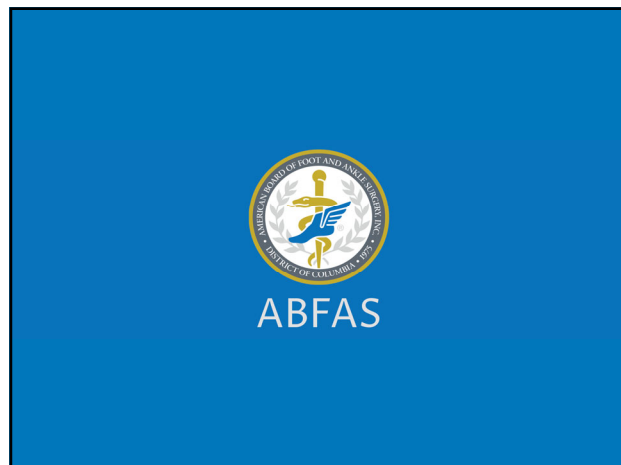


Frequently Asked Questions

- Can you explain the Case Review exam? When do I start logging cases and how many cases are required?
- What is the difference between ABFAS and ABPM?

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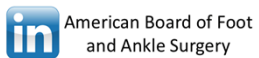



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Questions?

Refer to ABFAS Qualification and Certification Documents on the ABFAS website at abfas.org.

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Office hours are 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Pacific time




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