

The first examination for certification in the subspecialty of Clinical Informatics will be offered from October 7-18, 2013. It will be a one day, multiple choice examination administered at Pearson VUE Professional Centers throughout the United States and several International sites. The online application will be available from March 1, 2013 through June 1, 2013 on the ABPM website at [www.theabpm.org](http://www.theabpm.org). The following are the admission requirements for certification in the subspecialty of Clinical Informatics:

**ABMS Member Board Certification:** Current certification by at least one of the Member Boards of ABMS is required. A complete list of ABMS member boards is available on the ABMS website at <http://www.certificationmatters.org/abms-member-boards.aspx>. Those physicians board certified by the American Board of Pathology (ABPath) must apply through ABPath ([www.abpath.org](http://www.abpath.org)). All other physicians who meet the eligibility requirements must apply through the ABPM.

**AND**

**Medical School:** Graduation is required from a medical school in the United States which at the time of the applicant's graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, an accredited medical school in Canada, or a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is deemed satisfactory to the Board.

**AND**

**Current License(s):** Unrestricted and currently valid license(s) to practice medicine in a State, the District of Columbia, a Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or in a Province of Canada is required. No license may be restricted, revoked, or suspended or currently under such notice.

**AND**

Completion of one of the pathways described below will be acceptable through 2017. Beginning in 2018, all applicants for certification in Clinical Informatics will have to complete successfully a minimum of 24 months in an ACGME-accredited Clinical Informatics fellowship program.

**PRACTICE PATHWAY:**

- Three years of practice in Clinical Informatics is required. Practice time must be at least 25% of a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) to be considered. Practice time need not be continuous, however, all practice time must have occurred in the five-year interval immediately preceding application for certification.
- Practice must consist of broad-based professional activity with significant Clinical Informatics responsibility. Documentation of Clinical Informatics research and teaching activities may also be submitted for review.
- Verification is required that the equivalent of at least 3 years of an individual's professional time has been devoted to the practice of clinical informatics during the five years prior to application for the examination. A person or persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant's practice, such as the chief of staff, the applicable department chair, the director of a related Clinical Informatics training program, or the director of the clinical informatics program in the related institution must complete the verification. Completion of the verification by a partner or practice associate is not acceptable. The verification form will be available at the time of application.

*For those who completed non-accredited fellowship training of less than 24 months*, the fellowship training curriculum as well as a description of the actual training must also be submitted. The applicant must submit evidence of additional practice to satisfy any additional Practice Pathway requirements.

**OR**

**FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PATHWAY:**

Completion of a fellowship program of at least 24 months in duration that is acceptable to the ABPM is required. The non-accredited fellowship training curriculum as well as a description of the actual training must be submitted. Training in a non-accredited fellowship program of less than 24 months in duration may be applied toward the practice pathway (see Practice Pathway above). Starting in 2018, only programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) will be accepted.