

ABCN Written Examination

Applicants whose credentials are approved become "candidates" for ABPP certification in Clinical Neuropsychology and are eligible to register for the ABCN written examination. Currently, the written examination consists of 100 multiple choice questions in five domains: Neuropsychological Assessment, Clinical Neuropsychology, Basic and Clinical Neurosciences, Behavioral (Clinical) Neurology, and General Clinical Psychology. Questions for the examination are referenced to classical and current literature and explore principles and factual knowledge with which all Clinical Neuropsychologists should be familiar. The 125-item examination is comprised of 100 test items and 25 "pre-test" items that are included only for psychometric data collection purposes and do not count toward the final score. Examinees may take up to 2.5 hours to complete the test. This is a criterion-based examination, with a passing score of 70/100.

The ABCN written exam is administered electronically at PSI Centers across North America in two-week windows, four times per year. Candidates should complete the online [Written Examination Registration](#) and submit the examination fee prior to the stated deadline for the examination window they choose. Once processed, candidates will receive confirmation of registration from the ABCN Executive Assistant and instructions on how to proceed.

The entire certification process must be completed within seven years of the date on the applicant's credential review decision letter. The candidate may take the written examination up to three times during their seven-year period of candidacy. Candidates who do not pass the Written Examination on their first or second attempt are informed that they may take the examination again within their seven year candidacy period without prejudice, upon resubmission of the then current examination fee. Candidates may not take the written examination during two consecutive exam windows but instead will be eligible to take the written exam again during or after the second window following that of the failed attempt. Candidates who do not pass the Written Examination on their third attempt are not eligible to take it again under the 7 year candidacy period associated with their initial credential review. Candidates who wish to continue pursuit of board certification following their third failure of the written examination must reinitiate the application and credential review process, with appropriate fees.

For information regarding registration deadlines and the schedule of upcoming examinations, please visit the [ABCN website](#). 12/2/16