



2021 Virtual Certifying (Part 2) Oral Examination FAQs

Where should I plan take my virtual exam?

Please plan to complete each exam session in a quiet space, alone, without interruption.

Will I be able to choose my exam date and/or time?

Due to the complexity of this process, candidates will not be able to select their exam appointments.

When will I find out my exam date/time?

ABU staff will provide you with your exam schedule 4-6 weeks prior to the exam.

What do I need for the exam?

- Laptop or Desktop with a webcam and microphone (no headphones)
- Internet – Bandwidth of at least 5mbps (upload and download) <https://speedtest.net>
- Zoom - **You do not need to download any software or applications for this exam.** You will have the ability to launch the Zoom session from your browser using the links that you will receive via email in the week prior to the exam. If you are launching Zoom for the first time, the web browser client will download automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting. If you choose to download the Zoom application to your computer, please check to be sure you have the most updated version installed. See [this tutorial](#) from Zoom for information about how to upgrade to the latest version.

Can I take notes during the exam?

Yes. Candidates are permitted to take notes during the exam using only pen or pencil and paper. All notes must be destroyed immediately following the exam session.

Can I use reference materials during the exam?

No. Candidates cannot seek assistance from other people or reference materials during the exam. All candidates will sign an attestation acknowledging that failure to comply may result in invalidation of the exam, forfeiture of the registration fee, and permanent ineligibility for ABU certification.

What can I expect during the exam?

All candidates will have one morning exam session and one afternoon exam session, administered on either Friday, May 21 or Saturday, May 22. You will be tested on four clinical scenarios/protocols, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Each exam session will last 50 minutes. You will have two examiners for each exam session. A one-page case summary with chief complaint, history of present illness, review of systems, physical exam, and lab data will be presented. You should obtain clinical information and data as you would in practice. Examiners will ask questions following a very specific script.

What is the examiner evaluating?

- Can you determine if appropriate historical and physical exam information is available?
- Do you order appropriate tests?
- Do you have sufficient confidence to avoid unnecessary or needlessly invasive tests?
- Are you able to organize information, interpret lab results correctly and order appropriate imaging studies?
- Cost-effectiveness, risks of testing evaluated.
- Whether you have a good understanding of the disease process being evaluated and offer an appropriate treatment plan.
- Safe clinical management
- How you handle complications and provide strategy for follow up care.
- Your ability to communicate.
- Your professionalism.

What happens if I have technical issues before or during my exam session?

ABU staff will provide you with direct contact information to the ABU command center. The ABU IT team will be available to help troubleshoot. If we cannot get you back online in a timely manner, we will simply reschedule your session for later in the day.

What if my examiner experiences technical difficulties?

ABU staff will be on hand to assist. If your lead examiner is unable to proceed with the session, the co-examiner will continue where the lead left off.

Will I get an opportunity to test my connection?

Yes. An ABU candidate concierge will be in touch to schedule a tech check and answer any additional questions you may have.