



# The American Board of Pathology

## CONTINUING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The ABPath is committed to the continuous professional development of our diplomates through the Continuing Certification (CC) Program, a program designed for physicians to maintain their board certification. The CC Program is an ongoing process that assists physicians in maintaining standards necessary for them to provide quality care throughout their career. A general overview of the program is provided below. All program requirements are completed through the *CC Program* page of your PATHway account.

1. You will be automatically enrolled in the CC Program starting in January of the year following your initial certification.
2. CC consists of the two components shown here:
  - a. **Reporting Forms** – *completed every two years and submitted by December 31 of the end of the two-year reporting period.* Items to report:
    - i. **Professionalism and Professional Standing**
      1. Maintain a full and unrestricted medical license and provide ABPath primary source documentation, including valid expiration date.
      2. Provide a description of your practice.
      3. Evaluations from two peers starting four years after CC Program enrollment and every other form thereafter.
    - ii. **Lifelong Learning**– *met through ONE of the following:*
      1. 70 CME credits from any combination of AMA PRA Category 1 or AOA Category 1A credits
      2. The completion of a pathology fellowship
      3. Training in an ACGME-accredited residency during the 2-years
      4. Participation in the Physician-Scientist Research Pathway (PSRP)
    - iii. **Improvement in Medical Practice** – *met through ONE of the following:*
      1. At least two performance improvement/quality assurance activities
      2. Completion of a fellowship, residency training, or participation in the PSRP
  - b. **Assessment through ABPath CertLink (ABPCL)**
    - i. Participation: Answer all (10-15) questions each quarter (3-month period).
    - ii. Performance: The performance standard for ABPCL is 60% or greater answered correctly, cumulative over four years.
3. The CC Program annual fee is \$150 and is due by Dec. 31 of each year after program enrollment. Your first Annual Fee is due on Dec. 31 of the year following your initial certification.
4. **Continuing Certification status is contingent upon meeting all CC requirements and deadlines during each 2-year reporting period and successful participation in ABPCL.**

Please refer to the [CC Booklet of Information](#) located on the ABPath website for complete details. If you have questions, please contact John Lemke, Continuing Certification Coordinator, at [john@abpath.org](mailto:john@abpath.org).