



The American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry Candidate Eligibility Requirements as of October 1, 2024

The minimum requirements to be considered for ABAP Certification are:

- Board Certification in General or Child Psychiatry by the ABPN, AOA, NBPAS, or The Royal College of Physicians in Canada
- An active and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a state or province
- At least 25% of patient care time spent treating adolescents or young adults (ages 11-26)
- Written documentation of the following continuing medical education related to adolescent and/or transitional age youth psychiatry:

Option A (Core Curriculum Track): This track consists of asynchronous workshops and lectures. These lectures and workshops are not owned by ABAP yet exist online in open access format. However, ABAP has pre-approved them as acceptable CME prerequisites. The courses are currently free of charge and all that is required is that applicants [register an account here](#), pass the self-assessments, and at the conclusion, furnish ABAP with your transcript.

Specifically, Applicants must complete 36 credits chosen from these specific [on demand lectures](#). Take note that all lectures are eligible for AMA PRA Category I CME Credit. Should the available selections not add up to 36 credits as of the time any candidate wish to submit the application packet, they should note this on their application and add any self-directed relevant CME to make up for the additional hours. All coursework must be completed within the 3 years prior to application submission regardless.

Option B (Alternative Self-Study Track): 36 hours of Category I CME specific to child, adolescent, or young adult psychiatry and subject to ABAP approval at submission, within 3 years prior to application. Note: All CME submitted via this option will be scrutinized at the time for relevancy to the field of Adolescent and Young Adult Psychiatry and will be rejected if not deemed relevant. Candidates are advised to utilize this option with caution as rejection could jeopardize your

application.

Note: Option B sunsets on September 30, 2027, and applications submitted after that time using Option B will be rejected.