



NBPME Reports



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Contract Awarded to Meazure Learning

The NBPME recently awarded a multi-year contract for test development and administration to Meazure Learning. The decision follows a months-long process of inviting proposals from test vendors, evaluating three competing proposals and interviewing the prospective contractors. Meazure will be responsible for administering the Part III test in May 2024 and all subsequent exams, after a year of preparation and transition.

Dr. Roland Ramdass, board president, said the entire board has met with the key staff from Meazure and all are impressed with their professionalism and commitment to providing quality examinations in a manner that emphasizes excellent service to every candidate. He thanked the Examinations Committee and the entire board for their efforts and careful deliberation, noting that the three proposals were all impressive.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen by The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) to develop and administer the prestigious APMLE series,” said Tim McClinton, Meazure Learning CEO. “We look forward to providing an exceptional user experience to the NBPME and its stakeholders while maintaining the highest levels of quality and security through our market leading assessment development and exam delivery services.”

NBPME Seeks Nominations for Board Seat

The following position on the Board will be open for election to a three-year term at the Annual Meeting in July, 2023. The seat is designated for a candidate who is a podiatric physician currently in practice.

Interested individuals should forward a letter and curriculum vitae no later than June 1, 2023 to: nbpmeofc@aol.com.

Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) Exam

The NBPME board discussed future steps for a revised patient encounter exam with representatives of the AACPM (American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine) during its recent board meeting. Dr. Vivian Rodes, chair of the board’s CSPE committee stressed that the board and other key stakeholders, such as the state licensing boards, remain convinced that the skills tested in this examination remain essential for safe practice. NBPME has posed a series of questions about how to move ahead with a new examination format, and AACPM has agreed to continue a dialogue to explore possibilities.

APMSA Liaison to NBPME



Mark Gabriel, TUSPM, Class of 2025, represents the APMSA to the national board. He was nominated to the position by his peers in 2021. In this role, he presents issues and concerns of the student association for board consideration and reports back to the APMSA on board actions.

A graduate of Covenant College (B.A. Biology) and Georgetown University (M.S. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), he has a wide variety of interests beyond his academic career. With Arabic as his primary language, he has an accomplished history in the performing arts including experience as a playwright and director in the Chattanooga Theatre Center and as a vocal and theatrical performer at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

Roland Ramdass, DPM, president of NBPME, said Mr. Gabriel is an enthusiastic advocate for the students' perspective and the board has benefitted from his service. Mr. Gabriel states that he is honored to represent all podiatric students before an astute board and renowned podiatric physicians.

Expert Panel Members Needed

The National Board is continually seeking new volunteers to serve at test development and review workshops. Participants are provided travel, per diem, an honorarium and continuing education contact hours. Workshops are held in Arlington, VA or by telephone and web conference calls that are typically three-hours, from 2:00 to 5:00 Eastern Time. Eligible persons will have completed a residency program and all three parts of the APMLE series. Please submit a CV with email contact information to nbpmeofc@aol.com.

FAQs

How can I send a copy of my Part I, II, and/or Part III examination scores to a state board, federal agency, hospital, or institution?

Part I, Part II, Part II CSPE, and Part III scores can be transferred to another state board, a federal agency, etc. by online ordering with payment by credit card at the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) www.FPMB.org Reports cannot be sent to individuals.

If you have any questions, you may contact FPMB at www.FPMB.org

Does the examination test the curriculum?

The content of the examination derives directly from the periodic practice analysis studies conducted by NBPME. It focuses on the competencies necessary to protect the public. It does not derive from a study of the curricula of podiatric programs, which, for example, may be broader or deeper in some areas than the exam. However, questions for Parts I and II are written by podiatric faculty and subjected to numerous expert reviews for appropriateness.

Testing Myths and Misconceptions

Three prevalent misunderstandings are causing unnecessary concern for candidates. They are addressed below.

The questions I saw did not match the published test plan.

Every test a candidate sees has exactly the correct proportion of items that the specifications describe. However, there are additional questions that are not counted in scoring that also appear. These may be new items that are being field tested to determine whether they perform properly before they are used as scorable items in a subsequent test. Items that do not work as hoped will be pulled for review and revision, or will be archived and not used further. Those field test items can affect a candidate's perception about the subjects tested. The scored questions are always in compliance with the test plan.

I can get to my Prometric account just by using Google.

Many students are encountering delays in processing and other problems because they "Google" my APMLE account or something similar. **This shortcut does not work!** By not accessing your existing CMS account under the correct URL, you will not be able to schedule an APMLE exam, or access the score report. Use only the following:

URL: www.prometric.com/NBPME Phone : 1-877-302-8952

If I can't remember my account details, I can just start a new profile.

Candidates who create a second or third profile only cause problems for themselves and it may delay processing and reporting scores. Candidates with multiple CMS profiles will cause a delay in receiving score reports and application processing with the residency match program.