

BOC Value Statement

The ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) is a patient-centric credentialing agency that elevates peer laboratory professionals through rigorous examinations, tailored to today's laboratory medicine and pathology practice models. Our mission is to provide excellence in certification of laboratory professionals on behalf of patients worldwide. Since BOC's inception in 1928, laboratory professionals from around the globe have attained more than 625,000 credentials, in total. There are twenty-nine ASCP BOC certification and qualification examinations currently available that span the spectrum of medical laboratory and pathology specialties.

- The ASCP BOC's portfolio offers the opportunity to acquire additional or advanced specialty credentials that are proven to provide career advancement. Similarly, ASCP BOC credentials serve employers who are seeking validated evidence of knowledge and competency to effectively model and implement career pathways which affirms recruitment and retention in today's ever-changing healthcare workforce environment.
- With the evolving landscape of laboratory medicine and pathology, the ASCP BOC and our stakeholders have recognized the importance of stacked (or multiple) credentials. The BOC provides laboratory professionals the opportunity to expand their expertise while adapting to and leading technological advancements as well as emerging professional requirements. This approach supports continuous professional development and specialization in the field.
- The ASCP BOC assures high-quality outcomes through meticulous and comprehensive processes when building and maintaining exams. The exams are led by vetted practice analyses which reflect current expertise and emerging concepts that contribute to enhanced patient outcomes. Recognized volunteer experts and practice leaders contribute to examination content. Credential-related processes are overseen by dedicated, skilled BOC team members who are experts in psychometrics, laboratory sciences, operations, education, examination development & assessment, association management, and data governance. Examination questions are reviewed annually for

relevancy and accuracy, with new content incorporated to allow for industry and technological advancements. We ensure that BOC exams and exam questions are psychometrically fair, valid, and legally defensible. The ASCP BOC safeguards intellectual property through routine stringent assessments.

- A distinctive feature of the majority of ASCP BOC exams is the use of Computer Adaptive Testing, which tailors the level of question difficulty to each individual examinee for an accurate measurement of unique candidate ability and determination of competency. ASCP BOC certifications are accredited by ANAB (ANSI National Accreditation Board) based on ISO17024 standards, further validating the credibility and quality of our certifications.
- As an unincorporated subsidiary of ASCP with independent governance, ASCP BOC is not a membership organization. A core tenet of the ASCP BOC is its robust federated governance structure that incorporates meaningful insights from the majority of laboratory and pathology specialties. The ASCP BOC committee architecture prioritizes diversity of thought, emphasizes research and development, and scrutinizes prospective examinations for congruence with evolving professional practices, all through an expansive network of 35 committees, work groups, and task forces. The ASCP BOC also widely publishes and promotes our value through peer-reviewed publications and unique engagement strategies, while also being recognized through local, state, and federal workforce advocacy channels.
- We can confidently say that ASCP BOC and our credentials are employer preferred, offering the highest level of credibility and recognition for laboratory professionals in the industry while conferring patients trust in their care team. Please contact us at bocfacebook@ascp.org if you have any questions, or we can be of further assistance.