

ASCP BOC VALUE STATEMENT



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CERTIFICATION

The American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification (ASCP BOC) is a patient-centric credentialing agency that elevates peer laboratory professionals and other experts through rigorous examinations, tailored to today's practice models. ASCP BOC's mission is to provide excellence in credentialing laboratory professionals on behalf of patients worldwide.

SINCE ASCP BOC'S INCEPTION IN 1928, EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE HAVE ATTAINED 650,000+ CREDENTIALS.

There are 29 ASCP BOC certification and qualification examinations currently available that span the spectrum of laboratory medicine, pathology, and other emerging specialties.



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ASCP BOC credentials serve employers who are seeking validated evidence of current knowledge and skills to effectively model and implement career pathways which affirm recruitment and retention in today's ever-changing healthcare workforce environment. This also aligns with patient expectations for timely, trusted care.

ASCP BOC provides laboratory professionals, scientists, and other experts the opportunity to [expand their expertise while adapting to emerging professional requirements in the field](#). This approach supports continuous professional development and specialization in the field.

WITH THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND PATHOLOGY, ASCP BOC AND ITS STAKEHOLDERS HAVE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF STACKED CREDENTIALS.

ASCP BOC's portfolio provides opportunities to earn additional or advanced specialty credentials that are proven to support professional growth, **insights on stacked credentials are one of the key themes reflected across more than 40 ASCP BOC publications and presentations over the past two years**, which collectively demonstrate the value and impact of ASCP BOC credentials.

For example, [a recent workforce study on MLT\(ASCP\) credential holders transitioning to an MLS\(ASCP\) credential](#) highlights the role of ASCP BOC credentials as a pathway to advancement.



ASCP BOC assures high-quality outcomes through meticulous and comprehensive processes when building and maintaining credentialing examinations. The examinations are led by vetted practice analyses that reflect current expertise and emerging concepts that contribute to enhanced patient outcomes. Volunteer experts and practice leaders contribute to ASCP BOC's examination content. Credential-related processes are overseen by dedicated, skilled ASCP 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 patient-centric outcomes and advancements.

ASCP BOC ENSURES THAT ITS EXAMINATIONS AND EXAMINATION QUESTIONS ARE PSYCHOMETRICALLY FAIR, VALID, AND LEGALLY DEFENSIBLE.

ASCP BOC safeguards intellectual property through routine, stringent monitoring, proactive web surveillance, and enforcement measures against unauthorized use or violations.



A distinctive feature of the majority of ASCP BOC examinations is the use of computerized adaptive testing (CAT), which tailors question difficulty to each examinee's ability level as they are taking the examination.

Twenty-two ASCP BOC certification examinations and credentials are accredited by ANAB (ANSI National Accreditation Board) under ISO/IEC 17024 standards, further validating the credibility and quality of ASCP BOC credentials.



As an unincorporated subsidiary of ASCP with independent governance, ASCP BOC is not a membership organization. **A core tenet of ASCP BOC is its robust federated governance structure that incorporates meaningful insights from the majority of laboratory and pathology specialties**, leveraging a diversity experience and perspective. ASCP BOC committee architecture emphasizes research and development and prioritizes prospective examinations for congruence with evolving professional practices, through an expansive network of over 250 volunteers serving on nearly 50 committees, work groups, task forces and advisory boards.



ASCP BOC also **widely publishes and promotes its value through peer-reviewed publications and unique engagement strategies**, while also being recognized through local, state, federal, and global workforce advocacy channels.



ASCP BOC can confidently say that its 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.



Moving into the future, ASCP BOC **remains committed to advancing the impact and recognition of its credentials worldwide**. With ongoing innovations in examination delivery, streamlined eligibility processes, and an expanded Credential Maintenance Program (CMP), the ASCP BOC continues to support lifelong learning and enhance patient care.



Advocacy efforts further strengthen the visibility of laboratory professionals through initiatives like the “I am MLS” campaign and ongoing collaboration with regulatory bodies.



Additionally, increased engagement through social media and recognition programs celebrates the dedication and excellence of credentialed professionals, ensuring continued advancements in global credentialing standards.



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Please contact us at ASCPBOC@ascp.org if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

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