

# Overview of ABP Testing Program

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# Background

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- Established in 1933
- Independent; not-for-profit
- Certified physicians are “Diplomates” (not members)
- Sole mission to the public to assure that physicians have specialized training in pediatrics & meet the standards needed to provide quality care
- Independent certifying board for Diplomates
- One of 24 specialty boards recognized by American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

# The American Board of Medical Specialties

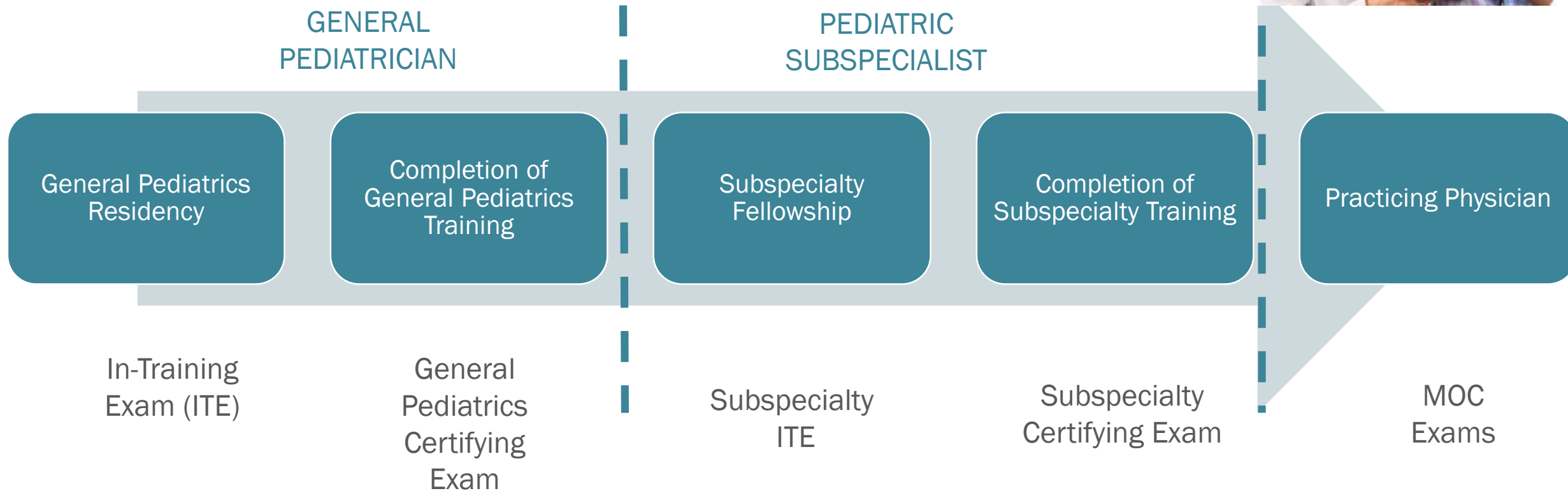


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of Medical Specialties

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# ABP Exams – Training Through Career



# Certificates Offered By ABP

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## General Pediatrics

14 Subspecialties for which the ABP offers and administers:\*

- Adolescent Medicine
- Pediatric Cardiology
- Child Abuse Pediatrics
- Pediatric Critical Care Medicine
- Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Endocrinology
- Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Pediatric Hematology and Oncology
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- Neonatal Perinatal Medicine
- Pediatric Nephrology
- Pediatric Pulmonology
- Pediatric Rheumatology

\*ABP offers 20 subspecialty certificates in total, but 6 are exams that are administered/offered by other boards.

# General Pediatrics

In-Training (ITE)	Certifying	MOC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 150 items</li><li>• Multiple-choice</li><li>• Paper – moving to internet</li><li>• Annual</li><li>• One week administration</li><li>• 3 hours</li><li>• No passing score; formative</li> <li>• ~10,000 candidates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>335 items</li><li>Multiple-choice</li><li>Prometric</li><li>• Annual</li><li>• Three day admin window</li><li>• 7 hours (one-day exam)</li><li>• Rasch scoring</li> <li>• ~4,500 candidates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 200 items</li><li>• Multiple-choice</li><li>• Prometric</li><li>• Annual</li><li>• Continuous</li><li>• 4 hours</li><li>• Rasch Scoring</li> <li>• ~6,000 candidates</li></ul>

# Subspecialty Exams

In-Training (SITE)	Certifying	MOC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 150 items</li><li>• Prometric</li><li>• Annual</li><li>• Feb or March</li><li>• One week administration</li><li>• 4 hours</li><li>• No passing score; formative</li></ul> <p>• ~30-500 candidates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 210 items</li><li>• Prometric</li><li>• Every other year</li><li>Spring or Fall</li><li>• One day administration</li><li>• 4.5 hours</li><li>• Rasch and Classical</li></ul> <p>~60-600 candidates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 190 items</li><li>• Prometric</li><li>• Annual</li><li>• Spring and Fall</li><li>• 4-6 week windows</li><li>• 4 hours</li><li>• Rasch and Classical</li></ul> <p>~20-400 candidates</p>

# MOC and the Four Parts

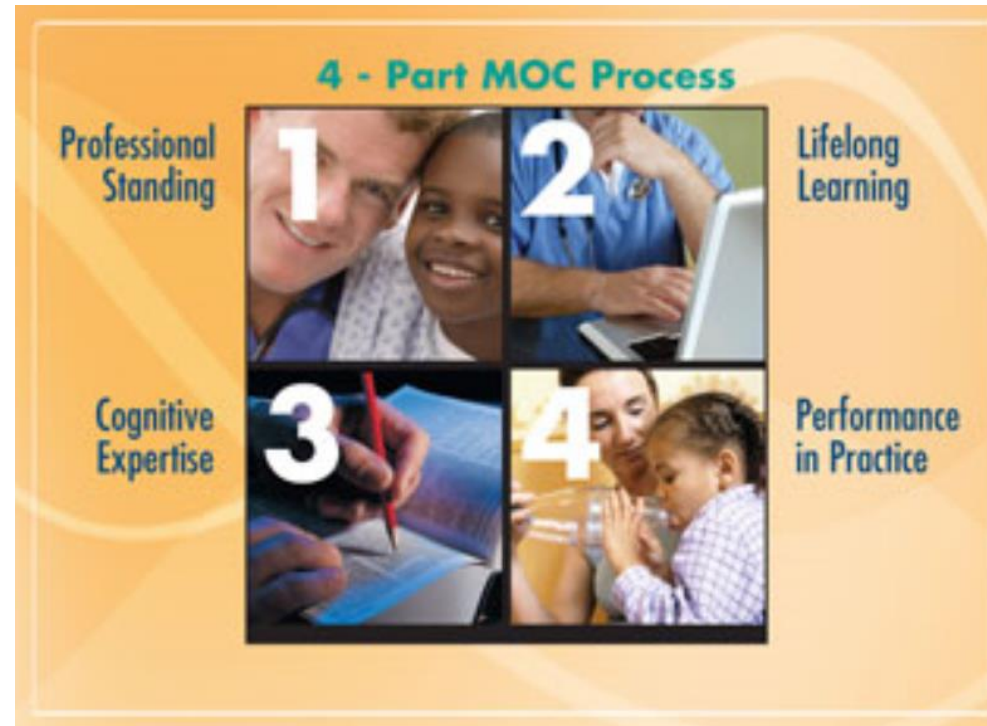
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## Part 1 Professional Standing

Ensures physician is licensed and in good standing.

## Part 3 – Cognitive Expertise

Incorporates an external objective assessment of the diplomate, providing assurance that the diplomate has maintained the necessary commitment to lifelong learning and seeks to remain current in the core subject matter of the specialty.



## Part 2 – Life Long Learning

Requires participation in high quality, unbiased learning and self-assessment activities

## Part 4 – Performance in Practice

Focuses on ongoing assessment and improvement in the quality of care