

Required Qualifications and Steps to Certification

Applicants must hold a Master's or Doctorate degree from an accredited institution in vocational rehabilitation, psychology, vocational counseling, or a related human service field. Also required is specific knowledge of vocational assessment, functional capacity measures, psychological tests and measurement, job analysis, job placement, and job surveys, as well as experience in providing testimony in these areas. An applicant must hold an Associate Membership at the time of application.

Steps to Certification are as follows:

- Fill out the application at www.abve.com
- Submit official college transcripts in a sealed envelope
- Submit a current CV or resume
- Submit 3 letters of reference, each in a sealed envelope
- Submit at least one redacted forensic work product
- Submit a signed Code of Ethics
- Pass a Peer Review
- Attain a passing score on the ABVE Examination

Maintenance Requirements: Continuing Education credits are required to maintain Diplomate/Fellow Certification. You must have 42 CEU's on file with ABVE at the end of each 3-year cycle to maintain your Diplomate/Fellow status.



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THE AMERICAN BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EXPERTS

EXPERTS TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY



Become a
Certified Vocational Expert



The American Board of Vocational Experts

The American Board of Vocational Experts (ABVE) promotes competency in forensic vocational evaluation and testimony through the following initiatives.

Credentialing – to ensure applicants have relevant training and experience; by administration of a “bench marked” credentialing process that includes knowledge testing and peer review of forensic work products; and to enhance integrity and accountability through enforcement of ethical standards.

Education & Training – to increase forensic knowledge and skills through innovative continuing education and career enhancement opportunities, including mentoring; by compiling annotated bibliographies of educational and training resources; and through an annual conference for networking and learning opportunities.

Research & Cooperative Relationships – to encourage research of forensic topics and to increase member awareness of research studies by publication of the *Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis*; and to maintain cooperative relationships and activities with allied organizations in pursuit of the mission and purposes of ABVE.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

- **JOIN A FORUM** for the exchange of ideas and information related to forensic vocational practice. ABVE provides the tools, resources, and access to a professional network needed to accelerate professional growth.
- **INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY** with a listing in the ABVE Member Directory. This online directory is available to law offices for reference and referral, and affords a means to build your professional network and expand your business.
- **RECEIVE ABVE PUBLICATIONS** including the peer-reviewed *Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis* and a quarterly electronic newsletter, *The Vocational Expert*.
- **ATTEND THE ANNUAL ABVE CONFERENCE**, typically in late March or early April, to network with colleagues, increase your knowledge and skills, and to obtain CEUs.
- **WORK WITH A MENTOR** to establish yourself or to advance your skills as a Vocational Expert. Mentors are experienced Vocational Experts who are willing to share their knowledge, experience and wisdom.

ABVE CERTIFICATION

The certification and credentialing process and examination has been in place since 1985. It remains the **ONLY** credentialing process in the nation to evaluate and establish competency of vocational experts. The examination has undergone peer-reviews, validity studies and revisions to reflect the role and function of today’s vocational expert witness. There are 2 certification levels.

DIPLOMATE – requires 7 years of forensic experience in the assessment of vocational capacity, successful demonstration of forensic skills as determined by peer review, and a passing score on the ABVE Certification Examination.

FELLOW – requires 3 years of forensic experience in the assessment of vocational capacity, successful demonstration of forensic skills as determined by peer review, and a passing score on the ABVE Certification Examination.

COSTS

- \$225 – One-time non-refundable application fee
- \$140 – ABVE Annual Membership fee
- \$80 – Diplomate/Fellow Annual Credential Fee