

Information for the Forensic Education Course Director (Board Certification and/or
Diplomate Continuing Education)

The ABFO offers approval for educational programs that wish to offer or advertise ABFO **Certification** hours for students taking such programs for board certification credit and/or diplomate continuing education. The program must petition the ABFO CE Committee in writing prior to the course offering requesting approval. This process is in line with the FSAB re-accreditation requirements that the ABFO is required to fulfill in order to maintain its accreditation.

In order for an educational program to be approved for ABFO **Certification** hours, a thorough and diligent review of the program will be completed by the C&E Committee that includes the following:

1. Completion of the "Application for ABFO Approval of Forensic Dental Course" by the program director.
2. Curriculum and course objectives review by the C&E Committee
3. Course brochure review
4. Review of the CVs of all instructors by the C&E Committee
5. Comparison of the curriculum to the DACUM by the C&E Committee
6. Verification of credit hours as advertised
7. A C&E Committee member will evaluate the program on-site or remotely to verify the program objectives, curriculum, instructors, credit hours, etc.

Once the C&E Committee has completed review of the Application and requested documents either approval will be extended to the course or at the option of the committee, a C&E Committee member will evaluate the program on-site or remotely. If an on-site evaluation is conducted, the program director will verify in writing that the expenses incurred by the C&E Committee representative doing the on-site vetting will be reimbursed. The expenses to be reimbursed include travel expenses, hotel, meals, gratuities, parking and any program registration fees, etc.

After the C&E Committee has approved the program for board certification credit and/or diplomate continuing education, it will be accredited for a period of five years at which time it will undergo an administrative review. Unless significant changes have been made to the program an on-site or remote visit review will not be required. Approval by the committee in no way constitutes an endorsement by the ABFO of theories, materials, and/or methods presented in the course. Rather, approval signifies that the course meets the minimum standards for education in the field of forensic dentistry.

Please contact the Chairman of the ABFO C&E Committee to obtain the Application for ABFO Approval of Forensic Dental Course and begin the process of vetting your program.

Respectfully,

Chairperson, ABFO Certification and Examination Committee
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