

THE INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOMETRIC EVALUATION CERTIFICATION (IPEC)

Offered through American Board of Vocational Experts

The International Psychometric Evaluation Certification is finally here to help you bring your level of expertise and evaluation to a new and higher international standard!

If you are interested in becoming a recognized expert in your field of work while at the same time building your testing/evaluation knowledge base to a standard level of competency that will defend your work in court, then consider becoming Certified as an International Psychometric Evaluator (IPEC)!

We are currently offering a Grandfathering process of the currently qualified Experts to submit the application and criteria standards as outlined below. We are in the process of building the validated data set based on such criteria to be able to offer a validated IPEC exam by 2017/2018 but want to recognize those Psychometric Evaluators through Peer Review Certification process now! Those interested in the IPEC may be professionals who are certified or licensed in the following: CRC, CDMS, ABVE, CLCP, LMHP, CDC, CCM, CVE and many others. IPEC appeals to the evaluator who wants a deep and broad foundation of testing competency yet a sharp edge in psychometrics for testifying purposes.

You may be currently qualified to earn the IPEC through the peer reviewed Grandfathering process. If you are, we would also be interested in talking with you about becoming a teacher/presenter in future conferences if you so desire. A Masters degree is the minimum required to apply for the IPEC unless you have a CVE or hold some other specialized training in testing and evaluation.

To acknowledge those nationally and regionally qualified applicants who are Licensed Psychologists who wish to be grandfathered as an IPEC, the full peer review process is modified and circumvented, allowing a more simple application process as illustrated in the criteria outlined. Those who have been CVE and are masters level, we also want to acknowledge their expertise and allow a modified circumvented process.

Below are the Grandfathering criteria to be able to become certified through Peer Review Experts:

IPEC GRANDFATHERING CRITERIA

- A Licensed Psychologist is qualified to be grandfathered by submitting a copy of their current license to practice, the application and the IPEC fee. Proof of experience, coursework or work product **is not** required for psychologists.

- Masters level counselors who can show proof of having held their Certified Vocational Evaluator (CVE) certification are qualified to be grandfathered. Proof of the CVE and masters degree diploma or transcripts along with application and fee is required. Course work, experience or work product **is not** required of master level CVE's candidates.

- Masters level counselors who have not held a CVE and hold one of the masters level degrees below must provide: Proof of transcripts/equivalent coursework, and sample work experience. Any discipline that deviates from the list below will be reviewed by the Peer Review Committee to determine if it qualifies you.
 - Masters in Psychology (MA, MS, M.Ed.)
 - Masters in School Psychology
 - Masters in Rehabilitation
 - Masters in Social Work
 - Masters in Therapy/Family Therapy/Counseling
 - Masters in Health Related Field
 - Masters Education
 - Masters Other

- Specific Education Courses and Equivalents: Because every Masters level program has different accreditation standards and therefore different coursework titles and offerings, coursework will be reviewed to determine if you meet the following Education and or Equivalent Standards for the IPEC. Below are the eight course equivalents we will consider and will review equivalents. **At least five of the course equivalents must be met for grandfathering.**
 - Tests & Measurements
 - Ethics
 - Assessment/Evaluation
 - Descriptive Statistics
 - Inferential Statistics
 - Multicultural/Ethnic Perspectives
 - Specialized Psychometric Training
 - Theories

- **Professional Experience:** There are at least 11 different testing domains recognized in the Psychometric Industry. Applicants must provide samples to **show they administer, interpret, and or score with regard to at least three of the 11 domains.** This can be shown in a testing report or general report with psychometric data embedded.
 - Academic
 - Achievement
 - Personality, behavioral health
 - Intelligence/cognitive
 - Career/vocational
 - Neuropsychology
 - Forensic
 - Speech language
 - Work evaluation/work capacity.
 - Pain/Medical
 - Research

IPEC GRANDFATHERING APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

Here is what you need to submit to be considered Grandfathered and issued the IPEC through ABVE:

- The IPEC Application
- A copy of your Transcripts documenting the confirmation of the accepted degree
- A report or no more than 3 dictated reports showing your testing experience
- Your Curriculum Vitae or Professional Resume
- A check made out to IPEC-ABVE for \$225.00 for the application fee

Should an applicant submit the IPEC application along with the fee and the Peer Review process finds the applicant short in experience or coursework, a portion of the fee will be applied to the IPEC application process at which time the applicant achieves the experience or coursework needed to qualify. During the grandfathering period, the applicants will have 1 year from the date of application to fulfil all requirements. Once the year has lapsed and if requirements have not been met the applicant must submit a new application and fee.

IPEC GRANDFATHERING PERIOD AND TRAINING

If you are short in qualifications and in need of experience or coursework to be considered qualified under the grandfathering period, you can obtain experience and coursework to apply from 2014 through 2017. The Grandfathering period is not expected to continue past June 2017. IPEC-ABVE is expected to have a validated test in place by 2018 for new applicants who qualify

for the IPEC. There are several ways you can meet such experience and coursework qualifications during 2015-2017 period:

- Take online courses at Capella University or others like it.
- Show training experience through workshops, conferences, or professional testing company trainings.
- Attend ABVE pre-conference trainings and main conference trainings for psychometric testing CEU's to begin 2016.
- Begin practicing and using psychometric instruments that you are qualified to use with your specific clientele and show competency.

IPEC BENEFITS

Whether you are an ABVE Fellow or Diplomate, the IPEC is a credential that will continue to serve you, your clientele, the courts, the industry, and the general public through high standards of training and practice. For those who are not an ABVE member, the IPEC is a great credential and training ground to maintain your expertise in psychometric measurement. Below is what many Psychometric Experts expect to achieve or acquire through the IPEC:

- Be able to administer, score, interpret, and competently write psychometric evaluation reports.
- Be able to defend your testing and evaluation methods under Daubert or Frye challenges.
- Be trained to use specific test instruments during conferences and training offerings.
- Be able to speak and write competently with regard to testing ethics, measurements, assessment, statistics, and ethnic/multicultural issues.
- Gain state of the art technology and science on psychometric evaluation annually through CEU and conference trainings.
- Expand your testing repertoire in several or all of the 11 domains of psychometric testing.
- Increase business revenue by performing your own testing.
- Be distinguished within your field of discipline of work with regard to peer reviewed and scientific knowledge base of work product.
- Be able to apply psychometric testing in a number of disciplines such as vocational consulting, mental health counseling, school psychology, nurse case management, life care planning, family therapy, pain management, work capacity evaluation and many others.
- Consult with trainers and other Psychometric Experts at conferences and electronic media to further hone ones expertise.
- Participate in writing and submitting professional articles on psychometric testing through the ABVE Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis.

- Be part of the Beta-Group in validating the IPEC Exam.
- Be at the ground floor of a credential that is consistent in standards and principles with American Psychological Association and the American Board of Vocational Experts standards for psychometric evaluation.
- As a Non-ABVE member, become an IPEC and Expert in your respective discipline and prepare to offer forensic evaluation.

ANNUAL FEES

ABVE Membership Fees - \$140.00

ABVE Fellow or Diplomate Credential - \$80

IPEC Credential - \$80

You may submit the application and documents via email to abve@abve.net or to the Membership Board Member Scott Whitmer at scott@whitmerandassociates.com

Applications will not be processed until the fee is received by ABVE. If you send by US mail, please submit your application, documents and check to:

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