



Why will the Certifying Exam take place in Raleigh, NC?

The ABEM Board of Directors evaluated and toured several venues around the country to explore their capabilities to host the Certifying Exam. Search criteria included finding a space to examine a variety of case types including procedural skills and simulation, that would support standardized equipment and experience for all candidates, and that could adapt to changes in exam format and new innovative technology (e.g., adding Virtual Reality) as the exam evolves.

The AIME Center in Raleigh, NC is a state-of-the-art facility with flexible space that can be configured to accommodate clinical cases, procedural cases, and simulation as well as modalities that may not be conceived yet. The Center can support medical equipment and simulators to be used in testing. This facility supports providing an exam that can be standardized for all candidates regardless of administration. It ensures a fair and equitable experience using a variety of technologies for all candidates.

The AIME Center also allows ABEM to partner with a local, diverse group of actors who work as Standardized Patients (SPs). They are trained to provide a high-level testing experience for a certification exam. Some are also trained to work with physician case developers to provide their expertise in designing realistic patient interactions for certification exam cases. The AIME Center recruits a pool of actors that are diverse (e.g., age, race, gender, gender identity, physical type, physical abilities, sexual orientation, etc.) and that represent the U.S. patient population. This exam will be designed so that cases and interactions are a reflection of the U.S. patient population.

The AIME Center also has an exam administration infrastructure that will guide candidates through the process. Candidates will arrive at the designated hotel. Check-in registration will occur at the hotel. A proctor is assigned to a set of candidates at the hotel. The proctor's role is to guide the candidate through the exam and answer questions about logistics for their session. The candidate just needs to get to the hotel on their assigned day and time for their exam.