



# Know Before You Go

## About the Certifying Exam

The ABEM Certifying Exam is the final step to becoming ABEM Certified. The Certifying Exam will allow you to demonstrate the skills and methods learned in training and apply them to real-world clinical scenarios to determine if they meet the high standards required for the independent practice of Emergency Medicine. In this guide, you will find resources, travel information, and logistics to help you plan and prepare for your exam.

We look forward to seeing you in Raleigh for your ABEM Certifying Exam.

## Travel Information

ABEM offers information and guidance on travel and logistics, but each physician is responsible for booking their own travel and lodging for their Certifying Exam.

### Exam Day Registration & Room Blocks:

Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills, 160 Park at N Hills St, Raleigh, NC 27609

### Closest Airport: Raleigh-Durham International Airport

### Taxis and ride-share options are easily accessible

The Hyatt House and exam location are ~20 minutes from the airport

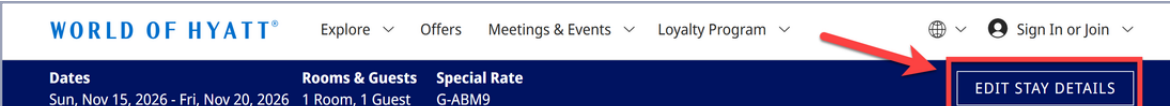
### Parking: If you are driving, parking options are available in the Raleigh North Hills area.



Review [Parking in North Hills](#) and [Hyatt House Hotel Parking](#)

### Exam Location: The AIME Center

(You will not be able to access the AIME Center without your proctor)

Discounted room block rates are available at the Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills. Please ensure you verify your confirmed exam registration date and session before reserving a room. ABEM is not responsible for managing room reservations. Room block codes are by exam administration, but you can edit your stay details by day. Use the link in your registration email to get discounted rates.



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- Room blocks have limited availability and are not guaranteed.
- ABEM recommends that you stay at the Hyatt House, a nearby hotel, or make plans to ensure you arrive at the Hyatt House lobby in time for your exam registration.
- ABEM recommends you arrive in Raleigh no later than the day prior to your examination date.
- It may not be possible to adjust your examination schedule to accommodate travel delays. ABEM recommends giving yourself ample time to travel to Raleigh in advance of your scheduled exam time.

## Resources

The exam is held in person at the AIME Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. During your half-day exam session, you will complete 10 cases. There are two case types covering 8 content areas that make up the Certifying Exam.

### [Exam Overview](#)

### [Exam Content](#)

- [Certifying Exam Case Summaries](#)
- [Procedures List](#)
- [Ultrasound List](#)
- [Sample Case Video Playlist on YouTube](#)
- [Debrief Video Playlist on YouTube](#)

### [Scoring Information](#)

### [Additional Videos and Resources](#)



Learn what you can expect on exam day by watching this logistics video.

## Registration on Exam Day

On-site registration takes place at the Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills hotel on your exam day. Please arrive at registration on time and prepared for your exam. After registration at the hotel, a proctor will walk you (~0.1 miles / ~3 minutes) to the AIME Center. You will not be able to access the AIME Center without your proctor.

### Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills

160 Park at N Hills St

Raleigh, NC 27609

Gathering Room 2, Lobby Level

AM session registration is at 7:00 a.m. ET

PM session registration is at 12:00 p.m. ET

- The registration room is directly down the hall from the Hyatt House front entrance. Once you register for the exam, you will not be able to leave the registration room without a proctor.
- Be sure to check the local weather forecast and pack appropriately. Umbrellas, rain coats, and other items can be kept in your assigned locker at the testing center
- Luggage, including computer bags and purses, cannot be brought to the testing center and must be stored. There is a complimentary secure room for those items at the hotel.
- You will be provided with a bag to seal small items such as cell phones, watches, headphones, and other “prohibited” items. Larger items such as purses, backpacks etc. will not fit in the bag. You will store the bag in an assigned locker at the AIME Center. You will NOT have access to these items during the exam, including during the break time.
- You will be provided with a name badge and lanyard, which will include your exam schedule.
- You will be required to acknowledge the [ABEM confidentiality policy](#).

## Prohibited Items

ABEM will provide all materials needed to complete the exam administration. If you bring any of the following items to registration, they must fit in a provided sealed bag and be placed in your assigned locker; they will not be accessible until after your exam is complete.

- Wallets
- Watches (smart or analog)
- Cell phones (must be placed on silent or turned off)
- Beepers or pagers (must be placed on silent or turned off)
- Cameras
- MP3 players, iPods, or any digital recorder or player (must be turned off)
- Google glasses or other devices that can be used for recording (must be turned off)
- Notes or reference materials
- Pens, pencils

## Approved Items

The following items can be stored in your locker and will be accessible during exam breaks:

- Snacks and beverages

The following items can be brought to the testing center, but require pre-approval by ABEM:

- Medications and medical devices (e.g., medical equipment for nursing or diabetes, prescriptions, cough drops, eye drops).
- Contact [certifyingexam@abem.org](mailto:certifyingexam@abem.org) to request pre-approval for these items.

## Dress Code

For your exam, you may wear whatever is comfortable (scrubs or what you wear on shift are permitted).

- Closed-toe shoes are required
- No logos or institution names on clothing (if you have clothing with your institution name, you will be asked to cover the logo with tape)
- You will be required to wear your name badge provided at registration at all times.

## Exam Schedule

- At registration, you will be provided with your individual exam schedule and assigned a proctor.
- Proctors are there to assist you, keep the exam on schedule, and answer any questions you may have during the administration.

## Emergency ABEM Contact

In the event of an emergency, travel delay, or any other reason you need to reach ABEM about your exam, please contact [certifyingexam@abem.org](mailto:certifyingexam@abem.org).