



Applications for the 2025 Adult Complex Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery (ACTPS) Focused Practice Designation (FPD) Examination are now available. **Applications will be accepted from eligible diplomates until December 13, 2024.**

The 2025 ACTPS FPD exam will be held from April 7-9, 2025, at Pearson VUE testing centers nationwide.

The purpose of this FPD is to provide transparent information to patients by recognizing surgeons who have additional surgical expertise and dedicate a significant percentage of their practice to the comprehensive care of patients with benign or malignant and functional or non-functional tumors of the thyroid and parathyroid glands.

General Requirements

Eligible applicants are expected to have successfully completed an ACGME-accredited general surgery residency and/or complex general surgical oncology fellowship training program, and be currently certified by the ABS.

There are two available pathways to achieve this designation:

1. Practice Pathway (non-fellowship-trained)
2. Training Pathway (fellowship-trained)

To be eligible for this exam, applicants must:

- be currently certified by the American Board of Surgery and in compliance with the ABS Continuous Certification Program.
- demonstrate participation in multidisciplinary care for patients with thyroid/parathyroid diseases.
- be in practice and have case logs with the requisite clinical practice requirements during a consecutive period of time proximate to the application year.
 - **Practice Pathway Requirements:** A total of 120 or more thyroid/parathyroid cases are required over 3 consecutive years. This total includes core cases and a minimum of 24 complex cases as defined by the ABS.
 - **Training Pathway Requirements:** A total of 80 cases (16 complex) within the first two years of practice following fellowship completion.
- have a currently registered full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the U.S. or Canada.
- be actively engaged and capable of performing independently the entire scope of ACTPS practice without accommodation or with reasonable accommodation.
- adhere to the [ABS Code of Ethics and Professionalism](#).

How to Apply

If you meet the requirements for this designation as defined above, you may access the application through the *Apply & Register* page in your ABS portal:

1. Log in to the ABS surgeon portal.
2. Using the left-side menu, navigate to the *Apply & Register* page.
3. On the tile labeled *2025 FPD - Adult Complex Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery (ACTPS) Exam*, click the link to *Complete your Exam Application*.

Applications must be submitted by December 13, 2024. Following approval of your application, you will be able to complete registration, submit payment for the examination, and schedule a testing center location.

For more information and to apply, please see the [ABS website](#). If you have any questions, please contact the [ABS FPD coordinator](#).