

In-Training Exam (ITE)

The ITE is a test created by volunteer allergists and program directors. This test has no affiliation with the ABAI board exam. The ITE is designed to test learners on the list of topics related to the ABAI Blueprint.

<https://www.abai.org/Overview.asp>

- ITE takes place in May each year. Fellows must be registered in advance. The exam must take place over a prespecified 1–2-week window. The exam can be taken on any local computer. Programs have discretion to proctor the exam if they wish. The exam has a small fee.

Results

- 4-6 weeks after the exam is taken, the reports will be made available to the program director. These results can be VERY USEFUL to both the fellow and the program director.
- Fellows can see topics and even specific question topics that they got incorrect. The question has a reference for the fellow to review.
- The fellow can also see what general topics they performed better on, and which ones they performed worse.

The Program Director should use the ITE for at least two purposes.

- First, the ITE can identify programmatic weaknesses. If all fellows struggle in pediatric primary immunodeficiency, then consideration should be made to adjust curriculum to reflect that.
- Second, the Program Director can identify trainees that are considerably underperforming compared to their peers across the country.
- The program director and fellow should meet to discuss test taking strategies, alternative learning strategies and other interventions to help the fellow successfully pass the ABAI board exam.

Suggestions

- Give your program coordinator the log-in information for the ITE site.
- Program coordinator can coordinate test date with fellows, proctoring if required.
- Review the ITE performance in person with each fellow individually.

Links:

<https://www.aaaai.org/professional-education/fellows-in-training/in-training-exam-for-fellows-timeline>

<https://www.smttest.com/aaaaiicans/>