

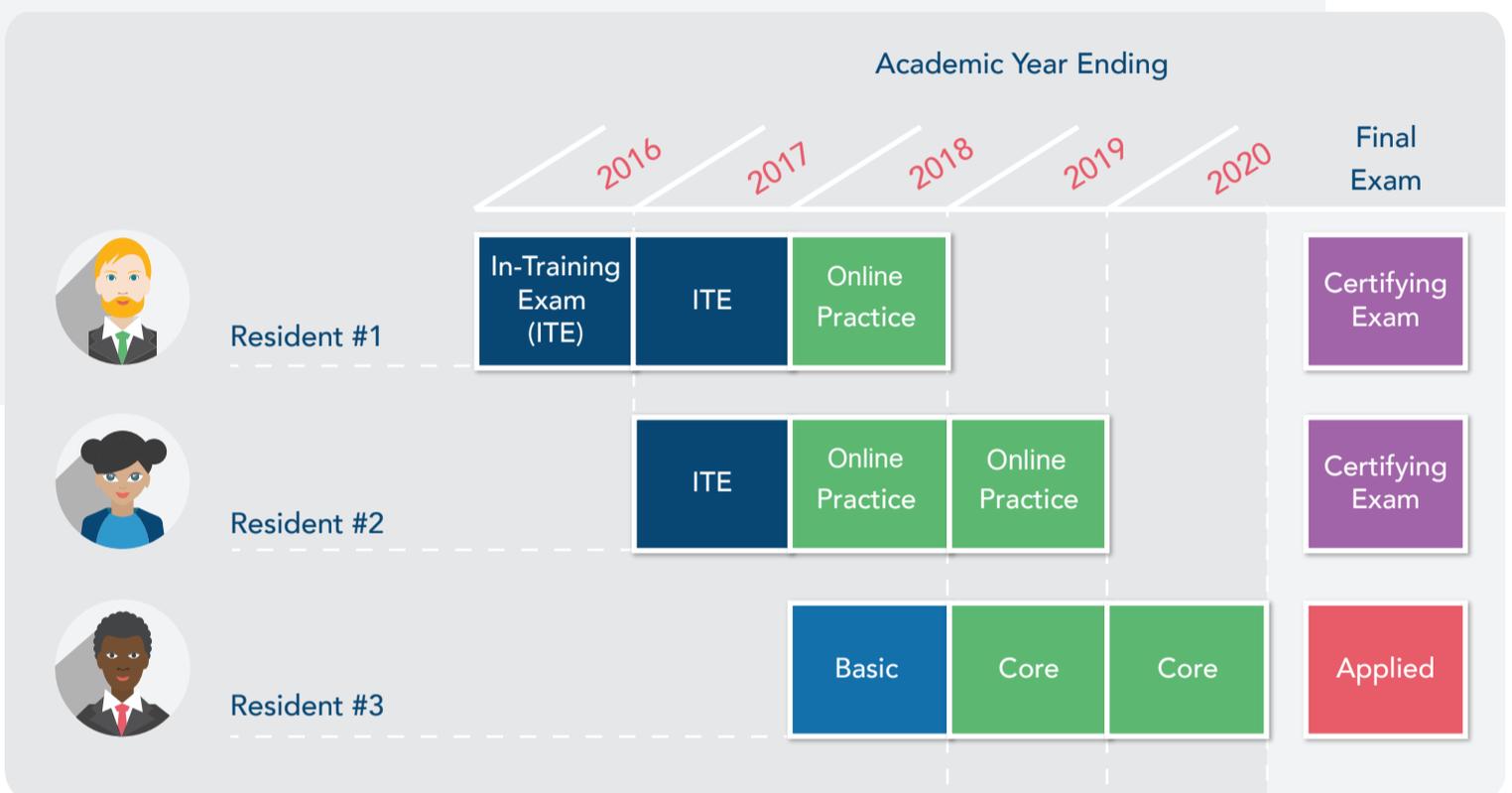
Dermatology's Exam of the Future



Most of you have likely now heard that the American Board of Dermatology (ABD) is restructuring the In-Training and Certification exams—moving from our current approach of emphasizing knowledge retention to exams that better emphasize the application of knowledge using clinically relevant case scenarios.

The Exam of the Future will be a staged evaluation with a **BASIC** exam designed for first-year residents, covering dermatology fundamentals; **CORE** exam modules testing more advanced knowledge of senior residents about dermatology's major clinical areas; and an **APPLIED** exam given after residency, which tests the ability to apply knowledge in clinical situations.

The graphic below provides an overview of the Exam of the Future as it will be experienced by pseudo-residents in the coming years.



Basic

Core

Applied

- Replaces In-Training Exam (ITE)
- Taken in April of Year 1 of residency
- Evaluation of fundamental knowledge and skills
- Designed specifically with first-year residents in mind
- Informational only, not pass-fail
- Offered on 1 day
- ½-day exam proctored by programs
- 1st administration in April 2018

- Content similar to the current certifying exam
- Taken in Years 2 and/or 3 of residency
- 4 modules: general/medical, pediatric, surgical and dermatopathology
- Basic science content incorporated into each of the clinical modules
- May take 1 - 4 modules in one sitting
- Serves as qualifying exam for the applied exam
- Required to pass all 4 modules
- Remote/online proctoring

- Replaces certification exam
- Taken in July following Year 3 of residency
- Tests application of knowledge in clinically relevant scenarios
- Required to pass for certification
- Offered yearly at testing centers
- Proctored at testing center, such as Pearson VUE
- 1st administration in July 2020

ABD's Dr. Lela A. Lee will provide greater detail and answer questions during a **presentation on Friday, October 7** at the Association of Professors of Dermatology's annual meeting in Chicago. Following the meeting, we will invite program directors to share input via an online survey.

Should you have any questions requiring a more immediate response, please **Contact Us**. Thank you.