apply

1. initiate an application for ABPP board certification by submitting the materials to the central office

2. generic credentials review
   the ABPP central office ensures that you have met all the generic criteria and have the appropriate licensure for certification

3. specialty credentials review
   the application is sent to the appropriate specialty board to ensure that your credentials meet all the specialty-specific criteria for your chosen specialty

4. practice samples
   submit practice samples representative of your work and competency

5. oral exam
   sit for an oral exam with examiners in your chosen specialty

6. get certified
   join the ranks of many of your colleagues as board certified through ABPP, and display your diploma with pride

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