



## **AAPath Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program**

Class of 2026-2027

Applications Accepted Now Through March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Program Description**

The Association for Academic Pathology's Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators is pleased to welcome applications for the 2026-2027 Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program. The Fundamentals Program provides participants with a certificate-eligible program that enhances educator effectiveness and professional opportunities by providing focused essential knowledge and skills. This program is suitable for health science faculty at all levels of experience who seek professional development to enhance their effectiveness, enrich their knowledge and experience, and develop their career as a health science educator. AAPath membership is not a requirement to participate in this program. This program will admit a limited number of participants, so the application process is expected to be competitive. **The 2026-2027 Fundamentals Program participants will be selected from applications received by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

### **Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program Elements:**

- Registration for two **AAPath Annual Meetings**, featuring an in-person interactive session at each Annual Meeting, exclusive to Academy Fundamentals participants.
  - The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on July 19-22, 2026 at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza in Boston, Massachusetts. The 2027 Annual Meeting will be held on July 18-21, 2027 at the Fairmont San Francisco in San Francisco, California.
- Bi-monthly (total six) interactive sessions delivered remotely by Zoom covering:
  - Curriculum Development
  - Assessment Fundamentals
  - Tips for Writing Questions
  - Anchors and Rubrics
  - Competencies and EPAs
  - Evaluation and Feedback
  - Failing to Fail
  - Programmatic Review
- Feedback through evaluations on written reflections for each session. Written reflections must be submitted to receive credit for attending each session.

**Objectives:** Participants completing this program will be able to use evidence-based strategies to:

- Create and implement effective assessment tools and interventions to enhance adult learning.
- Write effective questions that enhance learning and appropriately evaluate knowledge.
- Design curricula that is grounded in contemporary educational theory.
- Develop and apply entrustable professional activities (EPAs) for competency-based education.
- Develop meaningful anchors and rubrics for assessment.
- Address challenges in evaluation and feedback.
- Create and apply meaningful performance criteria, including definitions and criteria for failure.
- Implement appropriate programmatic review.
- Reflect on learning concepts and their applications, as well as reflect on one's career path as an educator to create sustainable change and personal growth.
- Grow the participants professional network in health science education.



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### Program Fee & Application Instructions

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**To submit an application, go to:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026FundamentalsApplication>

#### Application Packages Will Include:

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Current curriculum vitae
- ✓ Commitment to attend all sessions (either live or recorded) and submit written reflections to receive the certificate of completion for the program

#### Application and Decision Timeline:

- ❖ **Application deadline – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
- ❖ **Applicant notification – Late April**

**Program Cost - \$3,400** (billed after notification of acceptance; due by July 1, 2026): Enrollment includes registration fees to *two* **AAPath Annual Meetings** featuring an in-person interactive session at each Annual Meeting and **six virtual live webinars** that are recorded for on-demand access. The 90-minute virtual sessions will include time for open consult/office hour discussions with faculty and/or program leadership. **For non-pathologists, there is an additional fee of \$500.**

#### Overview of Schedule

The Fundamentals Program will begin in-person during the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting (July 19-22 at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel) and conclude in-person during the AAPath 2027 Annual Meeting (July 18-21 at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel), with webinars via Zoom scheduled based on participant availability during the following months:

- August 2026
- October 2026
- December 2026
- February 2027
- April 2027
- June 2027

#### **For questions about the program, please contact:**

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