



AAPath Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program

Class of 2027-2028

Applications Accepted Now Through October 19th, 2026

Program Description

The Association for Academic Pathology's Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators is pleased to welcome applications for the 2027-2028 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, skills, and feedback. 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 2027-2028 Fundamentals Program participants will be selected from applications received by October 19th, 2026.** Please note, we have moved the application period to ensure all those who are accepted are notified before the 2027 Annual Meeting registration launches.

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 2027 Annual Meeting will be held on July 18-21, 2027 at the Fairmont San Francisco in San Francisco, California. The 2028 Annual Meeting will be held in July 2028.
- Bi-monthly (total eight) interactive sessions delivered remotely by Zoom and in-person 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, helping participants deepen their understanding, reflect on their growth as educators, and translate new knowledge into meaningful practice. Written reflections must be submitted to receive credit for attending each session and graduate from the Program.

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/2027FundamentalsApplication>

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 – October 19th, 2026**
- ❖ **Applicant notification – Late November 2026**

Program Cost - \$3,800 (billed after notification of acceptance; due by July 1, 2027): 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 2027 Annual Meeting (July 18-21 at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel) and conclude in-person during the AAPath 2028 Annual Meeting (July 2028), with webinars via Zoom scheduled based on participant availability during the following months:

- August 2027
- October 2027
- December 2027
- February 2028
- April 2028
- June 2028

For questions about the program, please contact:

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