

The Wake Forest Center for Biomedical Informatics is offering a subsidy to faculty who are interested in obtaining Clinical Informatics Board Certification. Board certification is available for physicians who already have board certification in a primary specialty through the "Practice Pathway." After 2022, board certification will require the completion of a two-year fellowship.

There are now 2 practice pathway options

- **Time in Practice:** Clinical informatics-related activities for 25% FTE in 3 of the last 5 years.
- **Masters or PhD in Biomedical Informatics:** Credit for completion of a 24 month Masters or PhD program in Biomedical Informatics, Health Sciences Informatics, Clinical Informatics, or a related subject from a university/college in the US and Canada, deemed acceptable by the Board

Details of the requirements are available for Pathologists on the American Board of Pathology website (<https://www.abpath.org/index.php/taking-an-examination/subspecialty-certificate-examinations>) and for all other physicians on the American Board of Preventive Medicine website <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/clinical-informatics/>. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for interested clinicians to enhance their informatics knowledge, to enhance the credibility of clinical informatics-related work at Wake Forest, and to connect faculty to the informatics community.

The Wake Forest Center for Biomedical Informatics will reimburse up to five selected clinicians up to \$2,500 each to help cover the costs for a board review course and the examination. Applicants will be reimbursed after successful passing of the examination. The next examination will occur in October of 2021. Sub-specialty exams cost \$2100 through the American Board of Preventive Medicine with registration beginning in February and ending May 15th 2021. (Late filing available May 16 – June 15 for an additional cost of \$1050). The American Medical Informatics Association offers both a live and online Clinical Informatics Board Review Course <https://www.amia.org/clinical-informatics-board-review-course>. The online board review course is available for \$1,900 for non-members (\$1,600 for AMIA members).

If you are interested, please complete the [online application](#) by **March 15, 2021**. Applicants with academic research experience, longer durations of employment at Wake Forest, and long-term goals that align with the CTSI will be given precedence. Applicants are responsible for insuring that they meet the requirements, applying for, and coordinating the logistics of the review course and sitting for the examination. Applicants will be reimbursed after successfully passing the certification exam. (Requests for reimbursement must be made by June 1, 2022).

Please contact Larisa Rodgers (lrodgers@wakehealth.edu) with any questions.

TESTIMONIALS FROM BOARD CERTIFIED CLINICAL INFORMATICIANS AT WAKE FOREST

“Clinical Informatics Board Certification through the ABPM (American Board of Preventative Medicine) is a great mechanism to highlight and formalize applied informatics skills within a multitude of specialties, which will be a driver for the success of learning health systems. “

“There are many domains of informatics knowledge covered by the board certification process that I was not exposed to as part of my clinical training, despite my meeting criteria for being "grandfathered" in for board certification. The certification preparation process itself gave me valuable insights into several content areas that to this day enhance my work in Clinical Operations.”

“Board Certification in Clinical Informatics is formal endorsement by an ABMS Board that you have specific knowledge in Clinical Informatics. This helps a practitioner to engage with both clinical and research operations. This knowledge and certification can advance your career by adding another dimension to your current clinical specialty knowledge base.”

“Being board-certified in Clinical Informatics conveys to NIH reviewers that I have the knowledge and skills needed to manage a digital health research study.”

“Board certification is a very easy way to both highlight the importance of Clinical Informatics as a discipline, and to validate that I and my colleagues have the skills and training in CI that very few do.”

“Clinical Informatics board certification has been an objective way to demonstrate my unique research area. Being able to highlight my role as the only NIH funded researcher with Anesthesiology/Pain/Clinical Informatics certification it has supported my ongoing work and applications. Since my certification, I have been funded as the informatics lead of a NIH HEAL pain research network. “