



The PAACB Spore Analyst Certification

- certifies individual analysts—not laboratories—ensuring the quality of the analysis, where accurate identification is critical;
- ensures that analysts meet basic competency criteria for each level and are able to correctly identify spores and separate spores from artifacts;
- is based on competency criteria established and validated by a panel of scientific experts;
- is valid for three years; and
- costs \$850 per person. Payments are separated as follows:
 - 1) Nonrefundable \$450 registration fee and written qualifying exam.
 - 2) Nonrefundable \$400 certification exam. This fee will be billed upon notification that a candidate has passed the qualifying exam and must be paid prior to taking the certification exam.

To register for Level 1 Certification

Please mail or fax this form and a signed policy statement along with the \$450 registration fee to: The Pan American Aerobiology Certification Board (PAACB), 6628 Cecils Chapel Road, Hiwassee VA 24347
• Fax: 866-240-3044

Questions? Please check out our website: www.paacb.org
or email us: administrator@paacb.org

Level 1 Certification

covers the practical approaches to sample analyses, identification of commonly encountered spores, and calculation of concentrations from raw counts.

To become a certified

spore analyst submit a registration form, signed policy statement and registration fee, prepare for and pass a written qualifying exam, and prepare for and pass a certification exam. The certification exam will be scheduled in a testing center near the candidate and will include multiple choice questions and digital images to be assessed by the candidate. Guidance documents and additional information are available at www.paacb.org or upon request.

It is recommended that a candidate have one of the following levels of experience:

- 6 months full-time spore counting and identification; or
- 12 months part-time spore counting and identification.

The Pan American Aerobiology Certification Board invites all who believe themselves to be qualified to apply for certification and take the written qualifying examination for **Level 1 Spore Analyst Certification**. Eligibility to take the certification examination will be based on achieving a passing grade on the written qualifying exam.

Last name _____ First name _____ MI _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

I have enclosed a signed policy statement

I am paying the \$450 registration and qualifying exam fee by (check one):

Check enclosed Please charge my VISA/MC (circle one)

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____

Security Code (on back of card) _____

Signature _____ Date _____