

# BACE

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## BACE EXAM SITE PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR PAPER & PENCIL TESTING

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### Exam Site Personnel Approval

Biotility must certify all personnel involved in administration of the BACE. **BACE Exam Site Personnel Certifications must be renewed annually.**

For the Paper & Pencil Testing Option, Exam Sites must select personnel to serve in three primary BACE Exam Site Personnel Roles. There are three additional roles that may be necessary if testing accommodations are required. To ensure personnel are prepared to uphold Biotility’s exam administration policy and procedures, all personnel must complete the appropriate role-specific training module(s) in UF e-Learning at least two weeks prior to the testing event. A single individual may perform several roles.

#### Primary Roles:

- **Site Administrator** – Biotility’s point of contact and the individual coordinating the program
- **Exam Proctor** – Proctors the exam
- **Skills Evaluator** – Prepares, observes, and monitors the Practical Portion

#### Teacher/Student Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Teachers may not serve as a Site Administrator or an Exam Proctor for their own students. Due to the technical nature of the Practical Portion, teachers may serve as a Skills Evaluator for their own students.

#### BACE Personnel Tip

The classifications of BACE Exam Site Personnel listed in this document are roles. A single individual may complete all trainings and perform all tasks associated with each role. While there may only be one Site Administrator, multiple individuals may be trained as an Exam Proctor or Skills Evaluator. Exam Sites are encouraged to assess their needs and resources and build the best BACE Personnel Team for their specific location.

### Additional Roles:

- **Interpreter** – optional with approved testing accommodation
- **Reader** – optional with approved testing accommodation
- **Scribe** – optional with approved testing accommodation

### Approximate Time Commitment

Exam Site Personnel should expect the following time commitment for each role.

Administrative Position	Time Commitment
Site Administrator	<p>8 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BACE Basics – 1 hour</li> <li>• Site Administrator Certification – 2 hours</li> <li>• Coordinating Exam Events – 2 hours</li> <li>• Practice Exam – 2.5 hours               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning and Setup – 2 hours</li> <li>○ UF e-Learning Candidate Enrollment – 30 minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Distributing Scores – 30 minutes</li> </ul>
Exam Proctor	<p>8 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam Proctor Certification – 2 hours</li> <li>• Coordinating Exam Events – 1 hour</li> <li>• Proctoring Exam – 5 hours               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Setup – 30 minutes</li> <li>○ Administration – 4 hours</li> <li>○ Close-out – 30 minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Skills Evaluator	<p>11 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills Evaluator Certification – 2 hours</li> <li>• Coordinating Exam Events – 1 hour</li> <li>• Practical Portion Responsibilities – 8 hours               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Setup – 2.5 hours</li> <li>○ Administration – 4 hours</li> <li>○ Close-out – 1 hour</li> <li>○ Post-exam Evaluations – 30 minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Exam Site Personnel Certification Course

Each individual who serves in a primary BACE Exam Site Personnel Role is emailed an invitation to enroll in the BACE Exam Site Personnel Certification course in UF e-Learning. Access to the BACE Exam Site

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Personnel Certification course is determined by the information provided by the Site Administrator during the Exam Site Registration Process.

**Individuals are required to complete only the modules specific to their assigned role(s).** Administrators performing more than one role must complete each module pertaining to their selected roles and earn the corresponding certifications.

Each module contains training, a quiz, a Certificate of Understanding, and a Non-Disclosure Agreement. Upon completing the specified module(s), a digital certificate is issued immediately.

## **Certification Quizzes**

There is a unique BACE Exam Site Personnel Quiz for each role. Each quiz is based on information provided in the training and in BACE administration documents. Skills Evaluators should also review the Practical Materials Checklist and Practical Equipment Calibration Guidelines. Quizzes are open book and may be taken up to three times. Each quiz takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. A score of 90% or above is required to pass.

## **Certificates of Understanding and Non-Disclosure Agreements**

The Site Administrator, Exam Proctor(s), and Skills Evaluator(s) are asked to sign a Certificate of Understanding and a Non-Disclosure Agreement confirming their dedication to upholding the policies and procedures outlined in these documents. BACE Exam Site Personnel sign the Certificate of Understanding and Non-Disclosure Agreement *electronically* as part of the BACE Exam Site Personnel Course in UF e-Learning.

## **Digital Certificate**

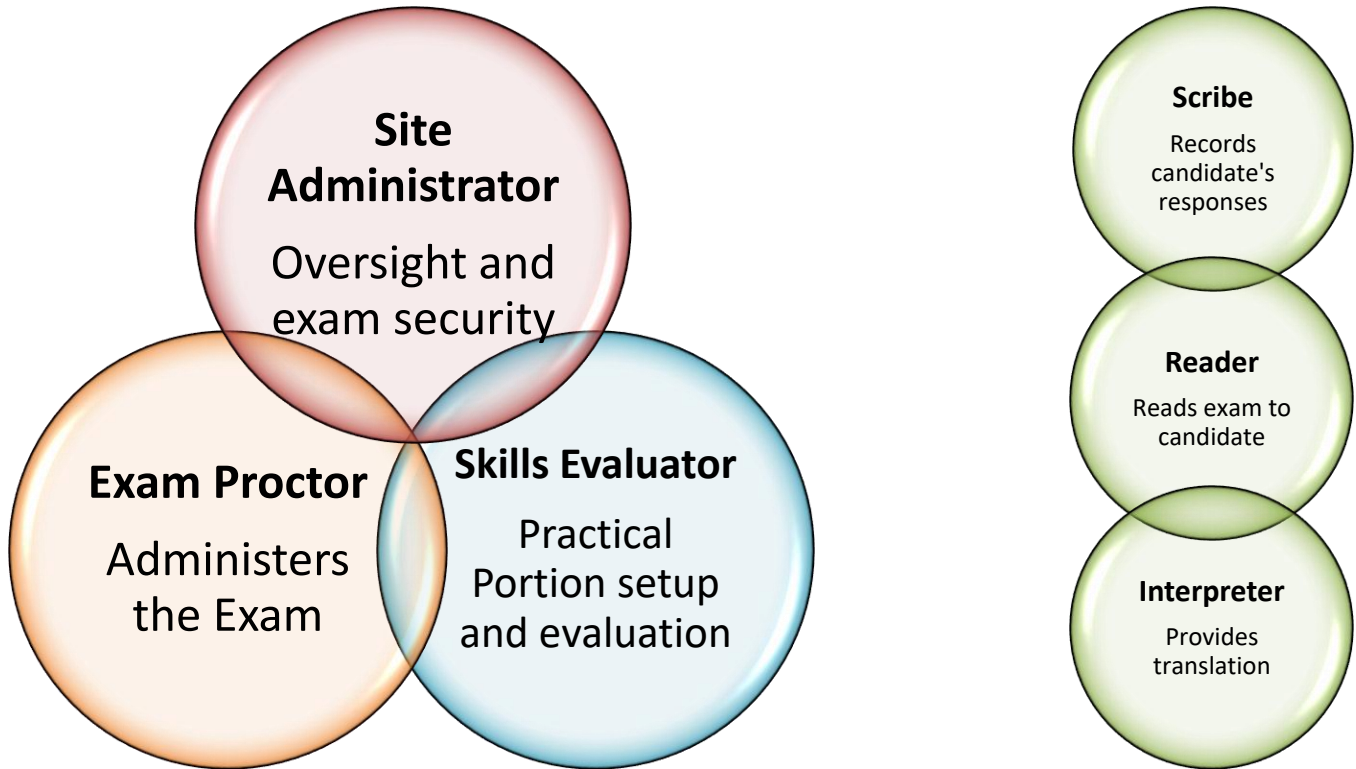
Upon completion of a module, a digital certificate is issued. These certifications may be displayed on Facebook or LinkedIn and may be verified online by anyone.

## **Exam Site Personnel Team**

Only approved and Biotility-Certified BACE Exam Site Personnel are permitted to participate in BACE administration. This includes, but is not limited to, handling Exam Materials, administering exams, and/or observing the exam administration. Biotility reserves the right to approve all personnel assigned to administrative roles.

Although one person may administer the BACE, the best administration structure is a specialized and organized team. The preferred BACE Administration Team consists of three individuals, free of teacher/student conflict-of-interest, performing the roles of a **Site Administrator**, **Exam Proctor**, and **Skills Evaluator**. Additional staff may be needed to support the core personnel. These roles include **Interpreter**, **Reader**, and **Scribe**.

BACE Exam Site Personnel roles and responsibilities are described in detail in the upcoming sections. Below is a quick summary of their primary obligations.



## Minimum Required Personnel

All Exam Sites are required to have one Biotility-certified Site Administrator. Additionally, to administer the exam in the Paper/Pencil format, Exam Sites must have:

- One (1) Biotility-certified Exam Proctor per thirty (30) candidates per session **and** one (1) Biotility-certified Skills Evaluator per thirty (30) candidates per session (this option is required if a teacher serves as the Skills Evaluator).

**OR**

- One (1) individual certified as both an Exam Proctor and Skills Evaluator per fifteen (15) candidates per session.

## Exam Site Personnel Roles Defined

### **Site Administrator**

Each Exam Site will have one Site Administrator, who shall be held accountable for the control and correct implementation of the BACE. Site Administrators may also serve in other BACE Exam Site Personnel Roles.

The preferred individual for this role is an Exam Site's Assessment Coordinator, CTE Coordinator, Administrator, or Guidance Counselor. Teachers are permitted to be Site Administrators as long as the Teacher/Student Conflict-of-Interest Policy is not violated.

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Site Administrators are responsible for:

- Registering the Exam Site and BACE Administration Personnel
- Earning their own Site Administrator Certification online through UF e-Learning by:
  - Completing the Site Administrator Quiz
  - Signing the Certificate of Understanding and Non-Disclosure Agreement
- Ensuring testing events are properly staffed and monitored
- Verifying the Exam Proctor is certified and prepared to administer the exam
- Verifying the Skills Evaluator is certified and prepared for their Practical Portion responsibilities
- Ordering exams
- Ensuring payment is processed by the Billing Contact
- Managing candidates (enrolling, scheduling exam dates, and providing results)
- Receiving and disseminating the Practice Exam Enrollment Link and Access Code
- Receiving Exam Materials
- Returning Exam Materials
- Securing Exam Materials
- Reporting academic dishonesty
- Completing a BACE Administration Report for each testing session attended

## Exam Proctor

Each Exam Site will have at least one Exam Proctor who, along with the Site Administrator, shall be held accountable for the correct implementation of the BACE. Exam Proctors may also serve in other BACE Exam Site Personnel Roles.

The preferred individual for this role is an Exam Site's testing expert. A teacher may serve as the Exam Proctor as long as the Teacher/Student Conflict-of-Interest Policy is not violated.

Exam Proctors are responsible for:

- Earning their own Exam Proctor Certification online through UF e-Learning by:
  - Completing the Exam Proctor Quiz
  - Signing the Certificate of Understanding and Non-Disclosure Agreement
- Identifying candidates
- Starting and monitoring the exam
- Maintaining a controlled exam environment
- Collecting Exam Materials
- Securing Exam Materials
- Reporting academic dishonesty
- Completing a BACE Administration Report for each testing session attended

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## Skills Evaluator

Each Exam Site will have at least one Skills Evaluator who, along with the Site Administrator and Exam Proctor, shall be held accountable for the correct implementation of the BACE Practical Portion. Skills Evaluators may also serve in other BACE Exam Site Personnel Roles.

The preferred individual for this role is an Exam Site's biotechnology or biomedical science expert. A teacher may serve as the Skills Evaluator, as long as either of the two following statements are true: 1) the Teacher/Student Conflict-of-Interest Policy is not violated, or 2) an Exam Proctor is present and observes all aspects of the exam administration.

Skills Evaluators are responsible for:

- Earning their own Skills Evaluator Certification online through UF e-Learning by:
  - Completing the Skills Evaluator Quiz
  - Signing the Certificate of Understanding and Non-Disclosure Agreement
- Setting up Practical Portion equipment and materials
- Identifying candidates
- Monitoring, observing, and evaluating the Practical Portion of the BACE
- Completing the Practical Skills Evaluation
- Maintaining a controlled exam environment
- Collecting Exam Materials
- Securing Exam Materials
- Reporting academic dishonesty

It is important that Skills Evaluators are experienced with the equipment and techniques on which the candidates are being tested. They should also review the Practical Materials Checklist and Practical Equipment Calibration Guidelines.

## Interpreter

With written approval from Biotility, Exam Sites are permitted to use interpreters. Interpreters may also serve in other BACE Exam Site Personnel Roles. Interpreters must complete a BACE Administration Report for any testing session they attend.

Arrangements for an interpreter must be made between the Exam Site and the interpreter. To ensure other candidates are not disturbed by the candidate/interpreter interaction, the candidate should be tested separately.

The preferred individual for this role is an Exam Site's ESOL teacher, heritage language teacher, or other trained employee. A teacher may serve as the Interpreter as long as the Teacher/Student Conflict-of-Interest Policy is not violated. Individuals with a personal relationship to the candidate are not permitted to act in this role.

**Approval Process: Exam Sites requesting exam accommodations for candidates are required to request permission by emailing [BACE@research.ufl.edu](mailto:BACE@research.ufl.edu). Interpreters will then be contacted directly. All interpreters must complete a Non-Disclosure Agreement Form.**

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## Reader and/or Scribe

With written approval from Biotility, Exam Sites are permitted to use Readers and Scribes for candidates with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. Readers and Scribes may also serve in other BACE Exam Site Personnel Roles. Readers and Scribes must complete a BACE Administration Report for any testing session they attend.

Arrangements for these roles must be made between the Exam Site and the individual performing the role. To ensure other candidates are not disturbed by interactions with a reader/scribe, the candidate should be tested separately.

The preferred individual for these roles is a trained employee with the following skills:

### Reader:

- Ability to read aloud clearly, at a normal pace, and with good pronunciation
- Familiarity with scientific words, terms, and symbols
- Ability to read the words in the test booklet or on the screen, without changing or adding words or assisting the test taker in selecting a response
- Ability to work with the test taker comfortably and compatibly, without creating unnecessary pressure or unrealistic expectations

### Scribe:

- Ability to write exactly what the test taker dictates
- Ability to not prompt the test taker

A teacher may serve as the reader/scribe as long as the Teacher/Student Conflict-of-Interest Policy is not violated. Individuals with a personal relationship to the candidate are not permitted to act in this role.

**Approval Process: Exam Sites requesting exam accommodations for candidates are required to request permission by emailing [BACE@research.ufl.edu](mailto:BACE@research.ufl.edu). Readers and/or Scribes will then be contacted directly. All readers and scribes must complete a Non-Disclosure Agreement Form.**

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## Non-Disclosure Agreement – Reader/Scribe/Interpreter

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First and Last Name (Printed)	Title	
Educational Institution or Company		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email Address	Phone Number	

**Reader/Scribe/Interpreter Criteria** - A Reader/Scribe/Interpreter must be an Exam Site or district employee that is not related to any candidates taking the BACE.

**Role of a Reader/Scribe/Interpreter** - A Reader/Scribe is to assist an exam candidate by speaking aloud the words on the examination exactly as they are written on screen or in the exam booklet, and by marking the answer sheet or selecting the candidate's answer on screen. A translator is to assist an exam candidate by translating the words from English into the required target language.

**Academic Honesty Policy** - BACE Candidates and Administrators are expected to act ethically and honorably. Candidates are prohibited from accessing Exam Materials prior to the exam. During the exam it is prohibited to accept assistance from, or give assistance to, other candidates. Copying, photographing, or recording of any of the Exam Materials in any fixed medium is not permitted. At the end of the exam, all materials, including scratch paper, must be returned to the proctor. If you witness any violation of this policy, you should report it directly to Biotility at 386.462.3181 or by email at [BACE@research.ufl.edu](mailto:BACE@research.ufl.edu).

As a Reader/Scribe/Interpreter, I understand that:

- I MAY NOT perform this role if the candidate is my student
- I CANNOT give an interpretation, only accurate translation, of any of the words in the exam
- I CANNOT explain what any of the questions are asking
- The candidate is to make his/her own decision regarding which answer to select on the exam
- The exam session may be recorded or monitored to be evaluated for compliance with this policy

I hereby confirm that I meet the criteria to be a Reader/Scribe/Interpreter and the candidate is not my student. I agree to abide by the role of a Reader/Scribe/Interpreter and the Academic Honesty Policy as defined above, and I affirm that I will not disclose or provide to anyone, directly or indirectly, any information or documents pertaining to the Biotechnician Assistant Credentialing Exam.

I am reading/scribing/translating for

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First and Last Name of exam candidate (Printed)

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Signature

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Date