An illustrated guide the ACVP Certifying Examination (Phase II)
General Information

• The Phase II Certifying Examination is held in Tampa, Florida at the Examination Center of the American Board of Pathology (ABP).

• The ABP Examination Center and the Westshore Grand Hotel are located within the same office complex.

• The Tampa International Airport is approximately 5 miles from the ABP Examination Center and The Westshore Grand Hotel.

• There is a complimentary shuttle from the Tampa International Airport to The Westshore Grand Hotel.
Tampa International Airport and Shuttle Service

• The Tampa International Airport is approximately 5 miles from the ABP Examination Center and The Westshore Grand Hotel.

• There is a courtesy shuttle for guests of the Westshore Grand that can be scheduled by calling the hotel directly at (813) 286-4400. Advise the hotel operator of your exit door for pickup: Blue #1, Blue #2, Red #1 or Red #2.

• The shuttle departs from the hotel on each half hour, and operates from 5:00 am to 1:00 am.
The Westshore Grand Hotel

• The Westshore Grand Hotel is located at 4860 West Kennedy Boulevard, and is connected to the Urban Centre office complex (location of the ABP Examination Center).

• The ACVP has reserved rooms at the Westshore Grand Hotel for those taking the exam. Reservations must be made in advance to receive the discounted rate. Please advise the reservation agent that you are with the American College of Veterinary Pathologists to obtain the discounted room rate.

• Please call the hotel directly to confirm/arrange your check-out time.
The Westshore Grand Hotel

- The Westshore Grand Hotel, the ABP Examination Center and various restaurants are all located within the Urban Centre office complex.
- Several amenities are located within the Urban Centre or are within walking distance.
  - [http://www.urbancentretampa.com/amenities--location.html](http://www.urbancentretampa.com/amenities--location.html)

Restaurants within the Urban Centre complex:
- Illy (breakfast/lunch)
- Shula’s Steak House (lunch/dinner)

Restaurants at the Westshore Plaza (northwest corner of Westshore and Kennedy Boulevards)
- Mall food court (lunch/dinner)
- Besito Mexican Restaurant
- Maggiano’s Little Italy (lunch/dinner)
- Mitchell’s Fish Market (lunch/dinner)
- PF Chang’s China Bistro (lunch/dinner)
- Irish 31 Westshore (lunch/dinner)

Restaurants near the intersection of Westshore and Kennedy Boulevards:
- Panera Bread (breakfast/lunch/dinner)
- Curry Leaves Indian Cuisine (lunch/dinner)
- Seasons 52 (lunch/dinner)
- Starbucks Coffee (breakfast/lunch)
- Chipotle (north on Westshore)

Restaurants east on Kennedy Boulevard
- Jimmy Johns (lunch/dinner)
- Burger King (breakfast/lunch/dinner)
- The Floridian (lunch/dinner)
- McDonalds (breakfast/lunch/dinner)
ABP Examination Center

• The ABP Examination Center is located on the 6th floor of One Urban Centre at 4830 West Kennedy Boulevard.

• Please see the ACVP website for your examination day schedule.
  • [https://www.acvp.org/page/Phase_II](https://www.acvp.org/page/Phase_II)

• You must check in at the registration desk with a Photo ID to receive your Examination Badge and Candidate ID Number.
ABP Examination Center

• *Do not bring communication devices to the examination center.*
  • This includes pagers and cell phones, personal organizers, calculators, books, notes, pens/pencils or papers.
  • A pen will be provided for you.

• Food (including candy and gum) and drinks are not permitted at workstations.
  • Drinks, candy and medications may be stored in the monitored storage area, and access to this area is available with proctor notification.
  • A drinking fountain is available in the hall.

• Foam ear plugs are provided (if needed).
• Smoking is not permitted in the building.
ABP Examination Center

• Each carrel in the center has a PC with a flat screen and a microscope.

• The only personal items permitted at the workstations are jackets or sweaters, eyeglasses, microscopes, and ancillary microscope tools (e.g., polarizing lenses).

• Timers and calculators will be provided on computers.
  • There is also a large clock on the wall.

• No other personal items are permitted in the workstations.

• Please see the ACVP website for computer examination instruction screens.
  • [https://cdn.ymaws.com/acvp.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/Exam/Phase_II_-_TAMPA/PhaseII_ScreenShots.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/acvp.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/Exam/Phase_II_-_TAMPA/PhaseII_ScreenShots.pdf)
Microscope Information

- A Nikon Alphaphot 2 microscope will be provided
  - 10x widefield oculars and 4x, 10x, 40x and 100x oil immersion objectives
  - Non-removal mechanical stages
  - Abbe condensers
  - Built-in light source
- You cannot make any modifications to the provided ABP scopes (except for pushing the stage clips back); this includes adding or switching objectives.
- Candidates shall decide whether to bring their own microscope with spare bulb or the provided microscope.
- Personal microscopes can be accommodated in the carrels.
- KIM wipes are provided.
- You need to bring your own oil.
Lunch

• Please see the ACVP website for your examination day schedule.
• You are responsible for your own meal.
• There are several lunch options within the Urban Centre office complex or within walking distance.
  • [http://www.urbancentretampa.com/amenities--location.html](http://www.urbancentretampa.com/amenities--location.html)
• If you are concerned about the time for lunch, you may bring your own food or purchase your meal ahead of time.
The American College of Veterinary Pathologists wishes you all the best in Tampa!!