The Practice Sample Option for “Senior” Candidates submits three (3) copies each of a Curriculum Vita, the Professional Statement and either three (3) copies of 2 published articles or three (3) copies a book or three (3) copies of a statement or evidence of significant contribution to psychoanalysis as a Specialty.

Applicants with 15 years of experience post-licensure with a minimum of 10 years experience post graduation from a psychoanalytic training program or equivalent may qualify for a Senior Option to submit a modification of the practice sample in place of the “case analysis” practice sample. The practice sample requirements are altered to reflect distinctive practice patterns resulting from extended professional experience such as published books, articles in refereed journals; juried presentations; research; development of analytic training programs and or development of creative programs within them which makes a significant or meaningful contribution to psychoanalysis as well as furthering the acceptance of psychoanalysis in the broader community. This material should provide sufficient information to allow the committee to assess the candidate’s clinical competence.

*Please note that a case analysis is not to be submitted if the senior option is taken.*

**Professional Statement**

(1.) General Requirements

(a.) Respond only to those items that are relevant to you

(b.) Be brief

(c.) Format

(i.) Three (3) typewritten copies are required

(ii.) On title page provide

-Document title
(iii.) Following pages must be 1.5 line-spaced; in Arial, Tahoma, Times New Roman or an easy-to-read non-condensed font, no less than 12-point size

(iv.) All pages must be numbered with title page as #1

(v.) Pages may not exceed 20 in number

(2.) Participation as a Professional Psychologist

(a.) List the professional psychological organizations to which you belong. (i.e., APA, Division[s] of APA, State Psychological Associations, Regional Psychological Associations, etc.)

(b.) Summarize your active participation in any of the above organizations (i.e., offices held, committee membership, presentations at conferences, professional events, etc.)

(c.) As a psychologist on a volunteer basis, have you ever given presentations to community and/or religious organizations; written articles; appeared in the media; acted as a consultant, liaison or presenter to any governmental group?

(3.) Professional Psychologist and/or Psychoanalyst Practice

(a.) Describe the range of activities you perform as part of your professional practice and if there have been any significant changes in the last three years. (Professional activities include both paid employment and independent practice. The range of activities includes intervention, diagnosis, college or university teaching, consultation, supervision, etc.)

(b.) What type of consultations do you have with colleagues?
(c.) Do you provide or have you ever provided pro-bono or reduced fee services and under what circumstances?

(d.) Has any ethical/legal action taken place against you since your admission to candidacy?

(4.) Participation as a Psychologist/Psychoanalyst

(a.) Theoretical orientation

(i.) Describe your theoretical framework

(ii.) Which thinkers/theorists in psychoanalysis have significant influence on your thinking?

(iii.) If you consider yourself an eclectic or integrationist, please briefly describe three major themes of your thinking

(b.) Describe the continuing education in psychoanalysis you have undertaken in the past two years (i.e., workshops, attendance or participation at psychoanalytic conferences, books or articles on psychoanalytic material that you have read which have been especially stimulating, etc.)

(c.) Describe your activities within psychoanalysis (i.e., membership in psychoanalytic associations, role or position in analytic training institutes, attendance or presentations at psychoanalytic conferences)

(d.) Please describe your view(s) on the future of psychoanalysis as a field of psychological practice

(e.) Why did you apply for the Specialty Board Certification in Psychoanalysis?

(f.) Please comment on the principle that board certified specialists support the mission of ABAPsa and ABPP with volunteer activity and payment of annual fees.
Acceptance of the Practice Sample. The practice sample is preliminarily inspected for completeness and reviewed for acceptance as a sample representative of the practice of psychoanalysis at the specialty level. The candidate is notified by the CO of the results of the review. Upon acceptance of the practice sample the candidate may arrange to take the oral examination by notifying the ABAPsa national director of examinations and forwarding the oral examination fee of $450 to the ABPP CO.