



**Academy of Prosthodontics 2025 Annual Scientific Session**  
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**Title**

The American Board of Prosthodontics

**Abstract**

The mission of the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) is to certify and recertify educationally qualified individuals who demonstrate in-depth knowledge and expertise in prosthodontics. The vision of the ABP is for all educationally qualified prosthodontists to be Board certified. The ABP is advancing the science and art of prosthodontics by encouraging its study and improving its practice. By challenging the examinations and becoming board-certified in prosthodontics, one can validate their expertise, prove they are up to date on the latest advances, and demonstrate their commitment to quality care. This presentation will review the statistics from recent examinations and share examples of acceptable and unacceptable documentation. Recent changes to the examination process and logistics will be discussed along with upcoming initiatives of the Board.

**Learning Objectives**

- Describe the mission and vision of the ABP.
- Review examination statistics and candidate cases.
- Ascertain recent changes and upcoming initiatives of the ABP.

**Biography**

Dr. Heather Conrad is an Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Restorative Sciences, School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota. She was awarded her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree with Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan and her Certificate in Prosthodontics and Master of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Dr. Conrad was honored with the 2015 American College of Prosthodontists Educator of the Year award and became a Fellow of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute in 2016. Within ADEA, Dr. Conrad served in a variety of roles, including on the Board of Directors. In 2018, Dr. Conrad was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Prosthodontics and is the current President. Additionally, Dr. Conrad commits her time to serving as an advanced education site visitor with the Commission on Dental Accreditation.