# The American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy

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<td><strong>Founded</strong></td>
<td>In 1974 the ASGPP established a working committee to explore the feasibility of establishing a certification body. In 1975 the American Board of Examiners was established and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the District of Columbia.</td>
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| **What is on the Website** | • On-Line Directory of Certified Psychodramatists  
• Search Engine for finding certified psychodramatists who offer specialized services (e.g., therapy, training, consultation, etc.).  
• Calendar of Training Events  
• Board Of Directors  
• Newsletters  
• Glossary of Psychodrama Terms  
• Psychodrama Bibliography  
• A Brief History of the American Board of Examiners  
• Standards of Practice  
• CP & TEP Certification Standards  
• CP, PAT & TEP Application Forms  
• The CP Certification Journey | • Member Information  
• Conference Materials and Registration during the conference time-frame  
• Library/Resources; contains articles and videos related to the field of Group Psychotherapy, Psychodrama & Sociometry  
• Newsletters  
• Listing of Members of the Executive Council  
• Past Presidents  
• History of Award Recipients  
• Membership Application  
• Listing of Members Events; FREE posts of trainings and workshops offered by members on the Events Calendar  
• Link to ASGPP Research Blog  
• Links for members to the Members ASGPP Listserv and Online Journal |
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| - CP & TEP Past Written Examinations  
- CP & TEP Study Guides  
- CP & TEP On-Site Examination Forms  
- Links to Other Organizations | - Links to Other Organizations related to the ASGPP  
- Online Membership Directory for networking  
- Training Directory  
- Educational Resources |

**Mission Statement**

The American Board of Examiners was founded to serve two basic purposes:

1. To establish, for the United States of America, professional standards in the fields of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy, and

2. To certify qualified professionals on the basis of these standards.

Two levels of certification (Certified Practitioner, Trainer Educator and Practitioner) and one level of temporary registration (Practitioner Applicant For Trainer) have been established by the American Board of Examiners.

The American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama is rooted in the philosophy of Dr. Moreno. The ASGPP promotes the development of creativity, spontaneity and encounter to enhance the relationship between individuals, families and communities; and works actively to heal and transform society through the knowledge and practice of psychodrama, group psychotherapy and sociometry in all its diverse applications.

The purposes of the Society are:

1. To foster the national and international cooperation of all who are concerned with the theory and practice of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy;

2. To encourage and promote professional training in psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy;

3. To promote the spread and fruitful application of theories and methods of psychodrama, sociometry, and group psychotherapy in professional disciplines concerned with the well-being of individuals, groups, families, and organizations;

4. To disseminate information about psychodrama, sociometry, and group psychotherapy and their applications to the general public, other professionals, and public policy makers;

5. To promote and publish research in psychodrama, sociometry, group psychotherapy, and related fields, and;

6. To maintain a code of professional standards relevant to the purposes of the society.

**Who can join**

Only those individuals who meet the certification standards and successfully pass both a written and an on-site examination are eligible for membership.

General Consideration: Membership in the Society represents a commitment to its purposes and standards and is not an endorsement of professional competence.
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| The American Board of Examiners is not a general membership organization. Only those individuals who meet the certification standards, obtain professional endorsements, and apply for admission can be admitted to the certification examination process. Once admitted to the certification examination process those individuals must also pass both a written examination and an on-site examination. | Two levels of certification (CP & TEP) and one level of temporary registration (PAT) have been established by the American Board of Examiners:  
(1) A **Certified Practitioner (CP)** has been professionally trained and supervised in psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy by a Board certified Trainer, Educator, Practitioner (TEP), has met established standards of the profession and has successfully fulfilled the requirements of the American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy and,  
(2) A **Certified Practitioner (CP), Registered Practitioner Applicant For Trainer (PAT)** has successfully completed the practitioner certification requirements and has registered to become a Trainer, Educator and Practitioner (TEP) and is in the process of completing the required three years of additional supervised training, education and experience in the design and implementation of professional training programs,  
(3) A **Trainer, Educator, Practitioner (TEP)** is a Certified Practitioner (CP) who has received a minimum of three years additional supervised training, education and experience in the design and implementation of professional training programs and successfully fulfilled the requirements of the American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy.  
Detailed information about the services that certified psychodramatists provide and the requirements for certification can be found on the website. |  
**Student/Retiree Membership:** Any person who can demonstrate that she/he is enrolled in a college or university carrying a minimum of 12 credits undergraduate and 9 credits graduate. Retirees are those that are no longer practicing, training or gainfully employed.  
**Regular Membership:** Any person who supports the aims and standards of the Society is eligible to become a regular member. Members in the good standing shall be eligible to vote at meetings and other proceedings of the society, chair and serve on committees and seek nomination for elected positions. Candidates for President-Elect and Treasurer are required to have some experience on the Executive Council.  
The ASGPP is a general membership organization and does not offer certification. |
| **Renewal** | Certification must be renewed annually. If not renewed the certification expires on April 1st. In order to renew certification members must be in good ethical standing and pay the annual renewal fee. Certification by the American Board of Examiners does not include membership to the ASGPP. | Membership is renewed on an annual basis. Members are invoiced annually. Membership in the ASGPP does not include certification by the ABE. |
| **Newsletter** | Board News is the official newsletter of the American Board of Examiners. It is published twice yearly (May & December). The May issue is delivered electronically and the December issue is mailed to those who are certified. It is also available on the website. | Psychodrama Network News (PNN) is the official newsletter of the ASGPP. It is published 3 times a year (Winter, Spring/Summer and Fall) and is emailed to members. It is also available on the website. |
| **Annual Meeting** | The American Board of Examiners does not sponsor local, regional or annual meetings. | The ASGPP holds an Annual Meeting in the Spring of each calendar year. |
| **Journal** | The American Board of Examiners does not have a professional journal. | A professional Journal is included with membership to the ASGPP. Non-members may purchase a subscription to the Journal. Non-members who wish to subscribe to the Journal should contact the national office for more information. The Journal is published yearly and mailed in the spring. All members also have online access to the current and past journals. |
| **Continuing Education Units** | The American Board of Examiners neither requires continuing education units nor offers continuing education units. | ASGPP offers CEs at its Annual Conference from the following credentialing agencies:  
- National Association Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors  
- National Board of Certified Counselors  
Through ce-classes.com additional CEs are offered for other credentialing agencies. More information can be found at ce-classes.com as well as in the conference materials. |

The American Board of Examiners and The American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama are two separate and distinct organizations.