



ACHIEVING & MAINTAINING ACVP Fellowship

**FELLOWSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF
CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONALS
RECOGNIZES THE EXCELLENCE OF
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PROS WORKING IN ALL AREAS AND
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The Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals (ACVP) and the Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals (SICP) are now one—ACVP is now the only professional association catering to and representing the interests of non-physician cardiovascular professionals in all areas and specialties of cardiac care.

The Alliance is committed to maintaining the fellowship status of Fellows of the Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals (FSICP) and **expanding fellowship opportunities for all non-physician cardiovascular professionals across disciplines.**

ACVP will, however, require Fellows of the SICP to maintain their FSICP status by **continuing active status** with both ACVP and their credentials, and by active involvement in the ACVP.

All fellows will be required to meet the new maintenance criteria on an **biennial basis** (every two years). New Fellows of the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals (FACVP) will be required to meet new criteria for fellowship status.

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New requirements to maintain fellowship status apply to all fellows supported by the ACVP, including former Fellows of the SICP.

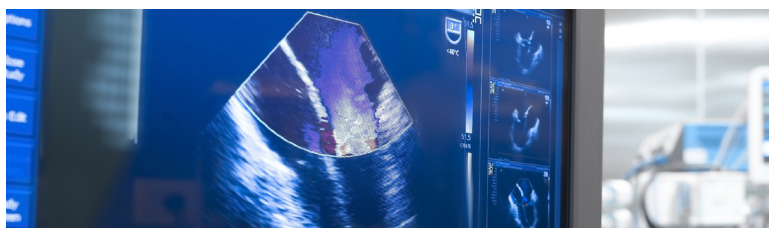
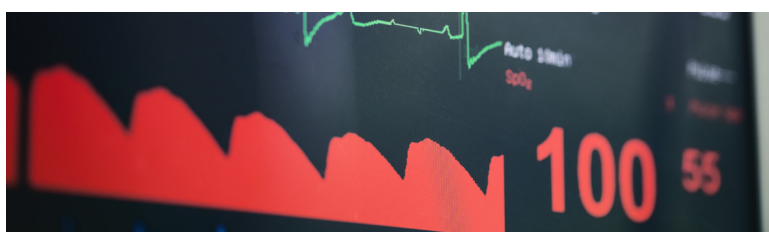
• FELLOWSHIP REPORTING & FORMS

Maintaining fellowship status for FACVP and FSICP will require biennial correspondence and documentation with the ACVP office.



*We look forward to recognizing
and supporting your excellence!
- The Alliance of Cardiovascular
Professionals*

**ACVP IS THE ONLY ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTING NON-PHYSICIAN CV
PROFESSIONALS. WE HELP YOU MEET
CHALLENGES, FIND OPPORTUNITIES,
SURVIVE & SUCCEED IN A DYNAMIC
FIELD. SEE WWW.ACP-ONLINE.ORG**





ACHIEVING FELLOWSHIP STATUS

1. MAINTAIN YOUR CREDENTIAL WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION.
2. MAINTAIN ACTIVE STATUS WITH ACVP FOR TWO YEARS.
3. HAVE FIVE YEARS OF CLINICAL OR MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE.
4. MAKE AT LEAST TWO SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD, AT LEAST ONE THROUGH ACVP.
5. APPLY FOR FELLOWSHIP! »

FSICP CRITERIA (INCLUDED FOR REFERENCE)

- (1) Have sat for, and passed, the Invasive Registry (RCIS) or Electrophysiology Registry (RCES) examination administered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI).
- (2) Active status with CCI and the SICP.
- (3) Five-year clinical practice in the field of cardiology based in the cardiac catheterization laboratory or clinical workload of at least 1800 cases.
- (4) Current staff position at an accredited health care facility based in the cardiac catheterization laboratory.
- (5) The applicant must have made significant contributions* to the SICP, or to the field of invasive / diagnostic cardiology.

*The last requirement may be fulfilled by publication in national journals, authoring or coauthoring a book/chapter, serving on committees or special projects for the society, or serving as an officer or committee chairman in a recognized national organization which has an overlapping interest in cardiology.

This requirement may also be met if the applicant has been responsible for the organization of, or presentation in, educational programs on the national or regional level with a course curriculum relevant to cardiology.



Achieving Fellowship Status

New criteria for fellowship status in the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals is inclusive of CV professionals across all disciplines but **increases expectations of excellence to achieve fellowship status.** Older FSCIP criteria is included, below, for reference.

- 1 Applicant must hold and maintain a credential *requiring regular attendance & submission of continuing education*, i.e. a credential issued by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI), the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), or State Boards of Nursing, or any other credential deemed applicable by ACVP.
- 2 Applicant must be a current, active dues-paying member of ACVP with *at least two years of concurrent membership immediately prior to application* for fellowship status.
- 3 Applicant must have *at least five years of clinical or management experience* in cardiology—in any cardiovascular discipline—with a clinical workload of 1800 cases or 1200 annual clinical hours worked, whichever is greater.
- 4 Applicant must hold a current staff position at an accredited health care facility based in cardiovascular services.
- 5 Applicant must have made significant contributions to ACVP and to the field of cardiology. **Significant contributions include AT LEAST TWO of the following, and AT LEAST ONE contribution should relate to the applicant's active participation in ACVP:**

- Publication of cardiology-related content in a national journal (i.e. ACVP's CV Directions) or any significant publication as recognized by ACVP.
- Presentation of cardiology-relevant education in a formal continuing education format (i.e. presentation at an ACVP Regional Cardio Conference or submission to cvceu.org).
- Organization of a formal continuing education program or event (i.e. hosting an ACVP Regional Cardio Conference).
- Participation in advocacy in support of team-based care or on behalf of the Alliance at the State or Federal level.
- Mentorship of other cardiovascular professionals via ACVP or in an extra-curricular capacity outside of ACVP and the applicant's job responsibilities.
- Service as an officer or committee member in ACVP or a Chapter of ACVP or other regional or national organization with an overlapping interest in cardiology.

For all of the above, applicant should provide documentation of participation in these activities which may take the form of a brief reference from another cardiovascular professional.

ACVP will consider applicants who believe they meet criteria four by other means not specifically listed as part of the criteria.



Maintaining Fellowship Status

New criteria for maintaining fellowship status in the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals applies to *all fellows* supported by ACVP—including Fellows of the SICP. **Maintaining fellowship status for FACVPs and FSICPs will require biennial (every two years) correspondence and documentation with the ACVP office** that the following criteria have been met.

- 1** Fellow must have maintained active status on a credential *requiring regular attendance & submission of continuing education*, i.e. a credential issued by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI), the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), or State Boards of Nursing, or any other credential deemed applicable by ACVP **throughout the two year biennial period.**
- 2** Fellow must maintain current active, dues-paying status as a member of the ACVP throughout the two year biennial period.
- 3** Fellow must **demonstrate continued contributions to the field of cardiology via active participation in ACVP** within the two year biennial period. *Contributions for maintaining fellowship status are not necessarily as rigorous as the significant contributions outlined under “Achieving Fellowship Status,” but rather should demonstrate active involvement and engagement within the Alliance membership.*

Therefore, **qualifying contributions are broken down into point scores—fellows should earn AT LEAST FIVE points biennially.** Unless otherwise mentioned, below, fellows may not earn qualifying points for the same contribution twice in the two year period.

Qualifying contributions are as follows:

3 POINT CONTRIBUTIONS Any *significant contribution* as previously outlined under “Achieving Fellowship Status,” **IF conducted through ACVP within the two year period**—(i.e. publication in CV Directions, presentation at or organization of an ACVP cardio conference or mentoring a professional through ACVP, etc.) will count for **three** points. In addition, these contributions **MAY** be repeated for points!

2 POINT CONTRIBUTIONS Any *significant contribution* as previously outlined under “Achieving Fellowship Status,” conducted within the period but **NOT via or on behalf of ACVP** counts for **two** points. **ONLY ONE significant contribution outside of ACVP will count towards the four qualifying contribution points necessary in the biennial period.** Additional contributions to ACVP counting for two points are as follows:

- Writing a post for the ACVP Blog.
- Successfully recruiting new members to the Alliance.
- Any meaningful volunteer effort **as stipulated* by the ACVP office.**

*The ACVP office will have the discretion to **AWARD** fellows points for any volunteer or micro-volunteer effort worth two or one point(s).

MAINTAINING FELLOWSHIP STATUS

- 1. MAINTAIN YOUR CREDENTIAL WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION.**
- 2. MAINTAIN ACTIVE STATUS WITH ACVP OVER THE TWO YEARS.**
- 3. EARN AT LEAST FIVE POINTS OF QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACVP AND THE FIELD.**
- 4. SEND IN THE FORM! »**

IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE A CHORE... IN FACT, IT SHOULD BE FUN! EARN POINTS THAT LET US KNOW YOU'RE STAYING INVOLVED IN ACVP. EARN MORE THAN YOU'RE REQUIRED AND THERE MAY BE PERKS & REWARDS!

1 POINT CONTRIBUTIONS

- Answering an ACVP survey.
- Answering another ACVP member's question or request for information, *taking time to provide a comprehensive and complete answer.*
- Meaningful online communication with others about best practices or patient care via ACVP's members-only forum, on ACVP's blog, or ACVP's Facebook page, etc., i.e. a thoughtful comment on a current ACVP blog post, or asking a question that stimulates discussion.
- Providing thoughtful feedback when requested by the ACVP office.
- Any other micro-volunteer effort **as stipulated* by the ACVP office.**

The ACVP office will keep fellows notified of opportunities to earn qualifying contribution points—**they won't be hard to come by.** ACVP will also consider providing active fellows perks for exceeding their biennial requirement!

