



ALLIANCE OF CARDIOVASCULAR
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Fellowship Program Details & Forms

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ACHIEVING & MAINTAINING

ACVP Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZES THE EXCELLENCE OF CREDENTIALLED NON-PHYSICIAN CV PROS WORKING IN ALL AREAS AND SPECIALTIES OF CARDIAC CARE.



A NOTE REGARDING ACVP, SICP AND THE NEW ACVP FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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.

This ACVP program 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 fellowship status by **continuing active status** with both ACVP and their credentials, **and through 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.

We look forward to recognizing your excellence!



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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

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.

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! »**

FSCIP 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.

Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

ACVP Member Since: _____ Credentials: _____

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- ① Provide proof that you **hold** and **maintain** a credential requiring regular attendance and submission of continuing education, *i.e. the most recent correspondence regarding submission of continuing education requirements.*
- ② Ensure that you joined ACVP at least two years previous and that you are current on your dues payments. Contact the ACVP office if you are unsure.
- ③ + ④ Detail your **five most recent years of clinical or management experience** in cardiology:

Current Position

Institution/Employer:

Department/Area of Care:

Job Title:

Years in current position:

Clinical caseload or annual hours:

EMPLOYER CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Immediate Supervisor

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Reference One

Name: _____

Title/Relation: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Reference Two

Name: _____

Title/Relation: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Previous Exp. (if necessary)

If you have been in your current position less than 5 years, please list your previous employer(s), department(s), job title(s), caseload(s) or annual clinical hours, and the years in each position, up to 5 years:

- ⑤ Detail two **significant contributions*** to the field of cardiology, one of which should have been completed through or on behalf of ACVP. **Significant contributions are listed on page 3 of this document. Please list dates & any other relevant information.*

Contribution One:

Contribution Two:

⑥ **Prepare and ATTACH the following documents:**

- TWO Letters of reference (professional references, ideally – limit personal reference to only one letter, please)
- CV/Resume
- Proof of credentials (i.e., copy/picture of certificates)
- Proof of annual continuing education credits (e.g., the most recent correspondence re: submission of CE requirements)

- ⑦ **For all of the above**, please attach/provide the ACVP office with documentation, references or contact information to verify the submitted information.

⑧ **Remit an application fee of \$45.00:**

- Check Credit (MC/Visa/Amex)

CC#: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip: _____ CCV: _____

Signature on Card: _____

RETURN FORM & APPLICATION FEE TO:

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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!



Fellowship **Renewal** Form

Date: _____

FELLOW INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Last Fellowship Renewal: _____

ACVP Member Since: _____ Credentials: _____

FELLOW CHECKLIST

- ① Provide proof that you continue to **maintain** a credential requiring regular attendance and submission of continuing education, *e.g. the most recent correspondence regarding submission of continuing education requirements.*
- ② Ensure that you are current on your dues payments for the past two years. Contact the ACVP office if unsure.
- ③ **Count up your ACVP contribution points!***
**Qualifying contributions are listed on page 5 of this document. 2 point contributions may only count once in a two-year period. You may also have documentation from ACVP to help you fill this form.*

Contributions	Date	Points
		<i>This total should be</i> ⊕ AT LEAST FIVE points!
		TOTAL

④ **Simply return the form to the ACVP Office.**

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Thank you for maintaining your ACVP membership and fellowship. Your volunteer leadership is crucial to the success of our organization, and we look forward to recognizing your individual excellence as a cardiovascular professional for years to come!

The ACVP Office will follow up with you regarding any additional questions or documentation needs.

MAINTAINING FELLOWSHIP STATUS: POINTS!

**FIND DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT
CONTRIBUTION POINTS ON THE
PREVIOUS PAGE (5).**



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