



# STUDY GUIDE

## Your ACVP Study Guide

### I. Organizational History & Identity

1. **Founding Year:** The organization was founded in **1957**.

**Original Name:** It was originally founded as the **National Board of Respiratory and Cardiovascular Technologists**.

**The "ACVP" Transition:** The name was officially changed to the **Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals (ACVP)** in **1993** when the **National Society of Cardiovascular Technologists merged with the American College of Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists**.

**Abbreviation:** ACVP stands for **The Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals**.

**Incorporated Organizations:** Over time, ACVP has incorporated several groups, including:

- **1988:** NBRCT + NACT.
- **1993:** Added ACCIS, which became NSCT.
- **2018:** NSCT + SICP = ACVP.

**Other Past Names:** ACVP has previously been known as:

- National Alliance of Cardiovascular Technologists.
- National Board of Respiratory and Cardiovascular Technologists.
- American College of Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists.
- National Society of Cardiovascular Technologists.
- Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals.

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## II. Membership & Professional Development

1. **Who We Serve:** ACVP supports all non-physician professionals under the cardiovascular umbrella, including **Registered Nurses, ALL Cardiovascular Technologists, and Radiologic Technologists.**

**Who We Do NOT Serve:** The association does **NOT** explicitly serve **Physicians/Doctors (MDs).**

**ACVP Fellowship:** To qualify for a Fellowship, you must maintain a minimum of **5 years** of continuous membership.

**Membership Types:** Available options include **Individual/Professional, Institutional, Schools, and Strategic Partners/Suppliers.**

**State Outreach:** ACVP currently has State Captains in **CO, FL, GA, ID, PA, MD, ME, and TX**

1. SQPC is always looking for more State Captains – all 50 states can have representation

**Preceptors:** Institutional and School Members submit Preceptor applications for FREE – only a \$45 fee is required annually for preceptor status. Members also only pay \$45 annually for preceptor status, with a \$100 application fee. Nonmembers can apply for preceptor credit for \$450 in total.

There is **no limit** on submitting preceptor credits to ACVP.

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## III. Education & Accreditation

1. **Education Accreditation Service:** The official service is called **Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Continuing Education (CaPCE).**

**CaPCE Approval:** One application automatically approves **3 groups** of

cardiovascular professionals. – CVTs, RNs, and Radiologic Technologists. CaPCE can also handle other accreditation applications for a small extra fee

#### **CVCEU Resources:**

2. Currently, there are **35 different courses** available.

There is a total of **31 hours of CE** currently available.

Non-members have access to **5 FREE courses**.

**CE Festivals:** ACVP offered **4 CE Festivals** in 2025.

- Anyone can reach out to host a CE Festival with ACVP
- There is no charge for partnering with ACVP to host a CE Fest – that's over \$2000 in value!

3. **Continuing Education Facts:**

- The first **Barry Rutherford Continuing Education Festival** was held in **2021**.
- ACVP Partnered with 3 organizations to offer 4 CE Festivals in 2025
  - St. Luke's MidAmerica Heart Center – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Barry Rutherford Continuing Education Festival; February 2025
  - Piedmont Atlanta Hospital – the ACVP & Piedmont Continuing Education Festival; March 2025
  - UNC Rex Heart Hospital – the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ACVP & UNC Rex Heart and Vascular Symposium; June 2025
  - Piedmont Atlanta Hospital – The ACVP & Piedmont Winter Continuing Education Festival; December 2025
- As of February 2026, ACVP has 3 CE Festivals scheduled with 3 partners:
  - Dave Strelow – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Barry Rutherford Continuing Education Festival; February 14, 2026
  - St. Phillips' College – the ACVP & Phillips Continuing Education Festival; March 21, 2026
  - UNC Rex Heart Hospital – the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual ACVP & UNC Rex Heart & Vascular Symposium; June 5, 2026

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## **IV. Events & Governance**

1. **Annual Timing:** **CVP Week** occurs every year during the **week of Valentine's**

**Day.** CVP Week is a **federally recognized** week

**Council Information:** There are currently **2 active ACVP councils:**

- **State Quality Practice Council (SQPC):** Meets the **last Thursday of every odd month.**
- **Educators' Council:** Meets the **second Tuesday of every odd month.**

**2025 Milestones:**

1. **Summit:** The first in-person Educators' Summit took place at **Sentara College of Health Sciences in Chesapeake, VA.**  
**Partners:** 2025 CE Festival partners included **St. Lukes, Piedmont Atlanta, and UNC Rex.**

**2026 Events:**

1. ACVP Cath Lab Supply Chain Management 6-part Web Series - January 28, February 18, March 11, April 1, April 22, May 13
2. CVP Week 2026: Driven by Heart, Guided by Skill - February 7-15
3. ACVP 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Barry Rutherford Continuing Education Festival - February 14
4. ACVP & St. Phillips College Continuing Education Festival - March 21
5. ACVP & UNC Rex 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart and Vascular Symposium - June 5
6. **More to be announced soon!**

**Future Planning:** The **2026 Educators' Summit** is planned for **October.**

**Digital Presence:**

- **Social Media:** ACVP is active on **LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook.**
- **Meetings:** Since 2022, the primary virtual meeting platform has been **Google Meet.**