

How does an ACCP member become a Fellow of ACCP?

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Fellowship in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy is recognized by the initials "FCCP" as part of a professional title. Fellowship recognizes excellence in the practice and science of clinical pharmacy, and it is awarded to ACCP members who have made sustained contributions to the College and demonstrated exceptional performance in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.

Eligibility

To be eligible for fellowship, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Full membership in ACCP for at least 5 years;
- (2) Practicing for at least 10 years since the receipt of their highest professional pharmacy degree (Pharm.D. or B.S.); and
- (3) Sustained contributions to ACCP according to specific evaluation criteria.

Definition of Sustained Contributions

After candidates meet the first two criteria, which are based on a timeline, the third criteria can be evaluated. The candidate can assess his or her sustained contributions using the evaluation criteria on the ACCP Web site. Each activity is awarded a certain number of points and tallied to give a total score.

Sustained contributions include:

- (1) Presentations made at ACCP-sponsored meetings, including:
 - a. Posters
 - b. Platforms
 - c. Educational sessions
- (2) Membership on committees, including:
 - a. National standing or ad hoc committees
 - b. PRN committees
 - c. Chapter committees
 - d. Service as a regional recruiter
 - e. Service as a College of Pharmacy Liaison
- (3) Author of ACCP publications, including:
 - a. *PSAP* chapter
 - b. ACCP white paper
 - c. ACCP book chapter
 - d. Item writer for the ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge national student competition
- (4) Reviewer for ACCP, including:
 - a. *Pharmacotherapy*
 - b. Annual or spring meeting abstracts
 - c. Proposals for Research Institute awards
 - d. Proposals for fellowships
 - e. Proposals for Focused Investigator Training Program
 - f. Proposals for student/resident/fellow travel awards
 - g. ACCP CV review service
 - h. Items submitted for the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge
 - i. *PSAP*
 - j. *Updates in Therapeutics*[®]

- k. Any other ACCP book or monograph
- (5) Member of the on-site Best Annual Meeting or Spring Forum Poster/Paper Judging Committee
- (6) Elected or appointed offices, including:
 - a. ACCP Board of Regents
 - b. Research Institute Board of Trustees
 - c. *Pharmacotherapy* Board of Directors
 - d. Elected PRN chair, secretary, or treasurer
 - e. Elected ACCP chapter president, secretary, or treasurer

Nomination and Application Process

Nominations are accepted annually beginning in the fall, with a deadline in February. To be considered for fellowship, candidates must be nominated by any of the following:

- (1) Two full members of ACCP
- (2) One Fellow of ACCP
- (3) One member of the Board of Regents

After nominations are received, ACCP reviews the applications to ensure that all three eligibility requirements are met, including sustained contributions. Eligible nominees are notified by e-mail and asked to submit their application by April 15.

Completed applications are reviewed by the Credentials: Fellowship Committee in May and June. Applications undergo an extensive review and evaluation by at least three committee members. Candidates are evaluated in the areas of clinical pharmacy practice and research using specific criteria and guidelines, which are available on the ACCP Web site.

The application and review process includes evaluation in the following areas:

- (1) Clinical pharmacy service programs developed and implemented, and how the program was unique and/or innovative. Recognition is given if it has been transferred or copied elsewhere, if it has been evaluated in some way, if the evaluation has been published in the professional literature, and if the service has received any awards.
- (2) Patient education service programs developed and implemented, and how the program was unique or innovative. Again, recognition is given if it has been transferred or copied elsewhere, if it has been evaluated in some way, if the evaluation has been published in the professional literature, and if the service has received any awards.
- (3) Certifications, credentials, or other activities that document clinical practice competencies. Examples include board certification, other certifications from professional organizations (e.g., Certified Diabetes Educator, BLS, ACLS), and credentialing or privileging at institutions.
- (4) Initiation and monitoring of acute or chronic drug therapy through collaborative drug therapy management practice agreements or other agreements, and development and implementation of therapeutic protocols.
- (5) Educational or professional presentations at state, national, or international pharmacy or other health discipline meetings.
- (6) Scientific research presentations at state, national, or international pharmacy or other health discipline meetings.
- (7) Consultant to local, state, national, or international agencies or organizations.
- (8) Funded research projects.
- (9) Publications of books, book chapters, book reviews, review articles, case reports, editorials, letters to the editor, INDs, NDAs, Internet work, or other written items.
- (10) Peer-reviewed publications of original research.
- (11) Professional or scientific publications for which the candidate has served as a referee, member of the editorial board, or editor.

(12) Professional awards or honors received.

(13) Leadership positions in professional associations other than ACCP.

Selection Process

Each eligible nominee's score is calculated, and he or she must meet the minimum score requirement to be selected as a Fellow. The minimum score can be met by points for clinical pharmacy practice, research, or a combination of both. After review by the Credentials: Fellowship Committee, those who have met the requirements for Fellow are approved by the Board of Regents. Newly elected Fellows are inducted at the ACCP Annual Meeting in October and recognized at the Annual Fellows Dinner.

Advice

Attaining FCCP credentials is a wonderful long-term goal for a new practitioner. The best way to start down this path is to get involved in ACCP. Volunteer for committees, get involved in your PRN, submit poster abstracts, and network with other members. These activities will enable you to meet the requirements for FCCP eligibility. In addition, it is important to strive for excellence in practice and research during your career. You need not receive full points in all the areas listed above, but you should consider setting short- and long-term goals that align with your workload allocation and current position. Moreover, many of the activities that ACCP recognizes and values in this process will be highly valuable to you in promotion and career advancement at your place of employment.

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