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## Advanced Pain Management Practitioner (APMP) Certificate Program – Prescriber Edition

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### Demonstrate your Mastery of Pain Care in Today's Regulatory Environment

The Advanced Pain Management Practitioner (APMP) certificate program — prescriber edition — is open to MDs, DOs, APRNs, and PAs. The program is designed to reinforce the expertise of those who have spent years practicing pain management, but who may not have the ability or desire to complete a fellowship training program. It demonstrates your knowledge and commitment in pain management, with a special emphasis on prescribing. The certificate is based on a learning-objective based outline that covers 13 key content areas. Before you apply for the certificate, download the curriculum and review the content carefully.

You will earn this certificate by:

- Documenting your professional education, continuing education and your clinical experience
- Passing a rigorous 200-question examination on key pain management topics

This certificate of achievement for advanced standards of pain care is aligned with best practices as defined by the National Pain Strategy and the principles upon which the AIPM was founded. The certificate program was carefully created to include a solid overview of pain management, but it is not board certification and should not be represented as such.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for the certificate you must be an MD, DO, APRN, or PA, have a master's or doctoral degree, and have practiced for at least 5 years, during which time a minimum of 30% of your clinical work must have been working with people in pain. You must have 50 hours of continuing education, completed within the previous two years, which pertain to pain management, is deemed acceptable by your primary licensing body, and is accredited for your discipline.

#### Benefits

Earning this certificate demonstrates a defined body of knowledge of pain management that shows your employer, your peers, and your patients that you have taken a step above and beyond the norm in your commitment to providing optimal pain care. In addition, you receive:

- Additional credibility in the field of pain management, particularly related to prescribing.
- Printable certificate suitable for framing and display.
- Listing as an Advanced Pain Management Certificate-holder in the Academy's online directory.

#### Representation of the APMP Certificate

After you pass the exam you will receive a printable certificate representing advanced achievement in pain. It is acceptable to display the certificate in the place of practice, include them in CVs and applications for employment, and discuss this achievement in various biopic forms. The APMP examination does not replace licensure nor is it a board certification. The AIPM does not confer diploma or fellow status for this certificate.

#### Fees

AIPM Members:  
\$1000 Certificate Program Fee  
\$1500 Online Curriculum Overview Course (optional)

Non-members — Includes 1-year membership in AIPM:  
\$1250 Certificate Program Fee  
\$1750 Online Curriculum Overview Course (optional)

\*Bundle the Certificate Program with the Curriculum Overview Course (COC) and receives \$500 off!

Fees are non-refundable

#### Application Process

To apply for the APMP program, [submit the application form \(download it here\)](#) and be sure to include all required documentation. Once your application is approved, you will be registered to take the exam and your contact information will be uploaded to Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMPP). You have one year from the time of registration to schedule and complete the exam. If your application is denied, your fee will be refunded less a \$150 administrative fee.

Please keep in mind the following:

- Be sure your application is completed before submitting. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- Keep a copy of the completed application for your records.
- Email the application to: [credentialing@aipmanet.org](mailto:credentialing@aipmanet.org) or mail the application to: Academy of Integrative Pain Management, 975 Morning Star Drive, Suite A, Sonoma, California 95970. If you are sending the application with a check, be sure to use a traceable method of delivery.

#### Preparing for the Exam

In order to pass the exam, you will need to score at least 70%. There are 200 questions on the exam, of which 180 will actually be graded.

To help prepare for the exam, you should thoroughly review the curriculum and assess the areas where you need extra study. [Download and review the ACPG Curriculum for free.](#)

The primary reference is Bonica's Management of Pain: 4th ed. (Fahnam SM, Ballantyne JC, Rathmell JR, Wolters Kluwer Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2010) and journal articles and other references are included at the end of each section in the Curriculum. We highly suggest reviewing these resources in order to master the learning objectives.

In addition, we offer an optional [Curriculum Overview Course](#) to support your self-study. It is a study aide and is not intended to replace your self-study. [Register for the Curriculum Overview Course in our online Pain Care Learning Center.](#)

#### Scheduling the Exam

The exam is administered by Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMPP) at designated computer-based testing sites throughout the country. Upon registration, you will be assigned a "candidate ID# and AMP will email you within 4 days with instructions for scheduling. From the date of approval, you have 1 year to schedule and complete the exam. Exams are psychometrically validated and administered by computer-based testing. Exams can be scheduled Monday through Saturday, at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm, at more than 100 locations in the United States and Canada. Please also take note of the following:

- Once approved, be sure to keep track of the email from AMP which contains your Candidate ID# and other important information for scheduling your exam.
- AMP Candidate Support Center can be reached at 888-618-9601
- Exam results will be available immediately for those taking the test within the US and will be mailed to the address on file within two business days for those taking the exam in Canada.
- AIPM and AMP are responsible for the validity and integrity of the score they report. Occasionally, occurrences such as computer malfunction or candidate misconduct may cause a score to be suspect. The Academy and AMP reserve the right to void or withhold examination results if they discover their regulations have been violated.
- The Academy and AMP comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need special accommodations, call the AMP Candidate Support Center (888-618-9601) to schedule your exam and ask any questions about the accommodations for candidates with disabilities. TDD for deaf and hearing-impaired candidates is available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) Monday through Friday at 915-895-4637. Callers must have compatible TDD equipment.

#### Rescheduling and Retaking the Exam

Rescheduling the exam may be done one time at no charge by contacting the AMP Candidate Support Center at least two business days prior to the scheduled examination.

Retaking the exam will be allowed two times for an additional \$100 administrative fee for each attempt.

#### Verifications

Verifications of certificates issued by the AIPM are conducted upon request. Should anyone inquire either online or directly with the AIPM as to the status of your certificate, we will verify your standing. We include your name, discipline, certificate number, issue date and expiration date. Certificate information is available both on demand on the AIPM website, and upon request with an official verification form signed by AIPM staff.

#### Maintenance of Certificates

Certificates must be renewed every three years. You must show an unrestricted license to practice in your primary discipline, completion of 25 units of qualifying continuing education per year (or 75 units over a three-year period), and you must pay the renewal fee. Members will have \$25 per year added onto their annual membership dues. Non-members will be required to pay a fee of \$325 upon renewal.

Copies of clinical licenses, documentation of CMEs, and appropriate fees, should all be submitted prior to the expiration of the certificate.

#### Disciplinary Actions

It is your responsibility to report to AIPM any changes in the status of your state-issued, clinical license. If at any time we discover that a certificate holder has not reported a significant change to the status of their license, the AIPM reserves the right to suspend or indefinitely revoke the certificate. If your APMP certificate has been temporarily revoked or suspended, you must do the following for re-instatement:

- Meet all requirements set forth by your clinical licensing body in order to restore license to an "unrestricted" status.
- Provide documentation of continuing education. The Academy requires certificate holders to complete 25 units of CME per year in order to maintain validity of their certificate. The same is true for those who wish to re-instate the validity of their certificate. CME's will need to be submitted for every year that the certificate was lapsed, in addition to the CME that was required at the previous time of renewal.
- If necessary, provide an updated CV and contact information for AIPM records.
- Pay a one-time administrative fee of \$150 for re-instatement.
- Submit a signed attestation of compliance.

[Download the brochure and application.](#)

[Download the Curriculum.](#)

[Learn more about the Curriculum Overview Course.](#)

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Access the Learning Center  
Find a Review

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## You've already put in so much time caring for people with pain.

*Now it's time to document your pain management experience -- and finally get the recognition you deserve.*

Many prescribers have spent years treating people with pain -- but haven't done a fellowship for one reason or another. While fellowship training is valuable, practical experience and knowledge gained from helping patients every day should get the credit it deserves.

That's why the [Academy of Integrative Pain Management](#) developed the Advanced Pain Management Practitioner (APMP) Certificate -- Prescriber Edition: To enable **NPs, MDs, DOs, PAs, and CRNAs with 5+ years of pain management experience** to demonstrate their knowledge of pain management, and their commitment to integrative pain management methods.

This certificate program is the **ONLY** one of its kind! It includes a solid overview of pain management and has a special emphasis on pharmacotherapy. It aligns with best practices as defined by the National Pain Strategy.

To earn this certificate, you need to:

- **Apply** – The first step in the application process is to get the application and brochure, which you can do by entering your email on the right of this page.
- **Complete the 14-hour, online APMP Curriculum Review Course** (worth 14.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup> – Completion of the online Curriculum Review Course is required before applicants can schedule the examination and the 14 credits earned from the review course can be applied towards the 50 units of CME required for the application process.
- **Pass the Examination** – Examinations are administered at computer-based testing centers across the United States. From the time of approval, candidates are given one year to schedule and complete the examination. The exam is made up of 200 questions, of which 180 are graded; candidates will be allotted four hours to complete the exam.

### Request more information to get started:

Just enter your email address below and hit "submit." We'll then email you the brochure and application immediately. (PDF).

\* This field is required

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#### Testimonials

"This program was incredibly informative."

- Nancy D., DO

"Very good course. Glad I took it."

- Michael, NP

"The APMP helped me validate my hands-on experience with my pain management experience."

- Shelly, PA

**Your practical experience with pain management matters. Learn more today!**