



# American College of Preventive Medicine

## ACPM FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine (FACPM) designation is a symbol of commitment to the profession and represents the highest standards of our field.

To earn the FACPM designation, physicians must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a Full Member of ACPM in good standing for at least three consecutive years (Recent Graduate or Full Member)
2. Hold current board certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) or by another American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognized board
3. Show evidence of active participation with ACPM
4. Demonstrate contributions to the field of Preventive Medicine

You must **submit the following documents** for your application to be considered for Fellowship:

1. Completed online forms along with any supporting documentation
2. Two Letters of Recommendation from current ACPM Fellows
3. An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) – Maximum 8 pages in length
4. Non-refundable application fee of \$150
5. Photo of the candidate (optional)

You must accumulate at least **135 points over the previous 10 years**, except for points related to the attendance of ACPM events which is limited to three years. Points are accumulated across the three categories to apply for Fellowship:

- A. Board Certification and Continuing Education
- B. Contributions to ACPM
- C. Contributions to the Field of Preventive Medicine

Any questions can be submitted to the ACPM Member Services Department at [membership@acpm.org](mailto:membership@acpm.org) or 202-466-2044 x119.

## THE POINT SYSTEM

- A minimum of 135 total points across all categories must be accumulated to apply for Fellowship. Each category—A, B and C—has a minimum number of required points that must be achieved before an applicant can apply for Fellowship. Each category also has a maximum number of points an applicant can claim to ensure each applicant’s qualifications for Fellowship are appropriately balanced.
- Points may be accumulated over the previous 10 years— except for points related to the attendance of ACPM events which is limited to three years.
- All documentation supporting the online forms must be uploaded in the corresponding space on the form with a descriptive name (e.g. Attendance PM23).
- Supporting documentation for each element claimed on the online forms must show the dates involved for each activity or credential. This information will be verified by ACPM records.
- Citation from academic journals, newspaper publications, etc. must be listed. No need to submit copies unless requested.
- A copy of the printed program of a professional society meeting (or printout of appropriate web-based program) will constitute proof of presentation or a scientific poster presented at a scientific/academic meeting (Please highlight this information in the program for easy review by the Membership Committee).

### A. BOARD CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Required: **Minimum points: 20** *Maximum points: 50*

1. Current certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM), (25 points for each current ABPM certification).
2. Certification by a specialty Board recognized by ABMS or AOA (10 points for each current certification).
3. Successful completion of ACPM-sponsored/approved Preventive Medicine CME courses (1 point for each hour of content successfully completed). Only those courses within the last three years can count toward credit. Can only be used in conjunction with board certification not as a standalone.

### B. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACPM

Required **Minimum points: 45**; *Maximum points: 150*

1. Serve or served on an ACPM committee, task force or ad hoc committee (15 points per committee, per year).
2. Serve or served as a chair of an ACPM Committee, task force or ad hoc committee or as faculty in the development of CME module or event (20 points per year of service).

3. Participated in “ACPM Advocacy Day” or Advocacy Week (10 points per attendance).
4. Contributed to the College’s legislative efforts via ACPM Legislative Action Center (e.g., sending letters, attending an advocacy training, etc.) (5 points per action or message to congressional representative on behalf of ACPM).
5. Act or acted as an appointed liaison or representative for the American College of Preventive Medicine to national committees, advisory panels, coalitions or organizations (10 points per appointment).
6. Represented ACPM to media on coverage of prevention-related issues or events (the media contact must be assigned by the College) (5 points per interview/appearance).
7. Attended ACPM annual meeting (*Preventive Medicine*) or ACPM Board Review Course within three years of application (10 points per meeting).
8. Participated in the annual meeting or other educational event (e.g. webinar) as faculty, abstract reviewer, presenter (oral or poster) (10 points per event).
  - **Note:** If the applicant was listed as an author of a poster they can claim the points as long as they attended the conference that year.
9. Published article in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* or other ACPM-sponsored publication (e.g., Medscape’s Perspectives in Prevention, ACPM Headlines, ACPM News, other newsletters etc.) (10 points).
10. Other – if you have served the College in another manner please provide a description to the Membership Committee (points will be determined by the Committee).

### C. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Required **Minimum points: 15**; *Maximum points: 50*

1. Serve or served on local or state Board of Health (15 points per appointment).
2. Teach or taught preventive medicine in an accredited program (5 points per year of service).
3. Presented a preventive medicine topic (speaking or poster presentation) at another scientific conference or grand rounds (5 points each)
4. Participated in prevention programs or initiatives (e.g., evaluation of existing programs, service as a prevention specialist consultant for health care providers) (5 points)
5. Developed or implemented a new prevention or quality improvement program or initiative (10 points).

- **Note:** this could include initiatives for primary, secondary and tertiary prevention in any setting (e.g. community, public health, health systems, and industry).
6. Published prevention-related research in a peer review journal or other publications (8 points).
  7. Serve or served in preventive medicine-related leadership positions in industry, health system, academia, public health or other settings (15 points).
    - **Note:** Please provide a description of your job responsibilities and how it contributes to the field of preventive medicine.
  8. Participated in activities that increased the visibility of preventive medicine (5 points per activity)
    - **Note:** Some examples are participating in career sessions for medical students, interviews in tv/radio or other media about your role in preventive medicine, newsletters or highlights about your career, blog posts about the field of preventive medicine.
    - Please note to claim this, individuals need to submit the description of the event where it reflects that you are a preventive medicine or public health physician.
  9. Participated in community oriented events about prevention (5 points per event).
  10. Other – if you have served the field of Preventive Medicine in another manner please provide a description to the Membership Committee (points will be determined by the Committee).