

PERFUSION BASE SCIENCE EXAMINATION APPLICATION



THE AMERICAN BOARD OF CARDIOVASCULAR PERFUSION

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Exam Window: Spring Fall Year _____

Designation: Mr. Ms. Dr.

Gender: Male Female Non-binary/third gender Prefer not to say

Name _____
(Please type as it would appear on certificate, i.e. First Name, Middle Name/Initial, Last Name, Suffix)

Date of Birth _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Phone () _____ Email _____

Address _____
(Street with Apartment Number)

City, State, Zip _____

EMPLOYER INFORMATION *(optional)*

Institution/Company Name _____

Title/Position/Department _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

EDUCATION

	Name of School	Location	Dates Attended	Date of Graduation
Accredited Perfusion Education Program	_____	_____	_____	_____

Post-Secondary Education _____

This application supersedes and invalidates all previous applications. (rev. 01/2025)

Eligibility Criteria for Examination

Applicants **may be currently enrolled** in an **accredited** School of Cardiovascular Perfusion and **anticipating graduation** at least four weeks prior to the date of the examination or **have graduated** from an accredited School of Cardiovascular Perfusion.

Application Procedure

NEW!

Fall Exam Application window opens [May 15th](#). Spring Exam Application window opens [November 15th](#). Applications will be confirmed and processed beginning on the respective application open date. Candidates may also apply through the [online application](#).

Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. A PBSE application completed in full.
2. The fee of \$360.00 in the form of a **bank draft, money order, personal check, or credit card** made payable to the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion. Applicants residing outside of the USA **MUST** (1) make fees payable in U.S. Dollars and (2) add a \$5.00 service charge. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Applications must be submitted no later than midnight on March 10th for the spring exam and September 15th for the fall exam.

Applicants must submit or arrange for submission of the following:

1. The **Clinical Education Record** documenting seventy-five (75) clinical perfusions performed prior to graduation. Effective 08/01/24, these cases must be performed within the United States of America, U.S. Territories, and/or Canada. **In accordance with AC-PE standards, only primary cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) cases may be documented for the 75-case requirement to sit for the PBSE. Effective 07/01/2023, 5 of the 75 cases need to be either 3P ECMO or 6P VAD.** A minimum of ten (10) clinical pediatric cases requiring cardiopulmonary bypass must be reported as observed or performed for the certification process. Pediatric cases performed may count toward the 75 minimum CPB case requirement; observational pediatric cases do not count but may be listed as part of the ten. *Note: 2P Instructor CPB Bypass, 4P Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP), Ex Vivo Organ Perfusion, and 5P Venovenous or Left Heart Bypass, Isolated Limb may not be used for the PBSE 75 case requirement.*
2. A current, **official** transcript of credits from the accredited School of Perfusion, indicating **date of graduation**, and
3. A statement of satisfactory clinical competency from the Clinical Competency Committee chairperson at the accredited School of Perfusion.

These items will be verified.

LATE FILING: *Candidates submitting applications for either portion of the certification examination after the set deadlines will be assessed a late filing fee of \$100.00. No application will be accepted after March 24th for the spring exam and September 29th for the fall exam.*

NOTE: Candidates retaking the examination are NOT required to resubmit or arrange for resubmission of the Clinical Education Record, the official transcript, or the Clinical Competency statement. These items will remain on file from the previous application.

Notice of eligibility will be sent to applicants. Any misrepresentation by the applicant will result in rejection of the application and/or revocation of certificate issued as a result of this application.

Consent Form

I. Application.

I certify that all the information contained in my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion and its officers, directors, employees, and agents, (Collectively, "ABCP") to review my application and to determine my eligibility for certification.

II. Compliance with Commission Rules.

- A. I have read and agree to abide by ABCP's policies and procedures, including but not limited to those listed below. I will read and keep up-to-date with these rules. I agree that I bear the burden of demonstrating and maintaining compliance during the application review period and for the duration of certification (if granted).
 - a. Ethical Standards.
 - b. Use of Credential Trademark Policy.
- B. I agree that the ABCP may take action regarding my application, examination, or certification in accordance with its policy on Investigation of Noncompliance with ABCP Standards and Rules, and that the penalties for violation of an ABCP rule include (but are not limited to) denial, revocation, or limitation of my certification.
- C. I agree to notify ABCP of any change in name, address, telephone number, or email address, and of any violation of the Ethical Standards.

III. Cooperation.

I agree to cooperate promptly and fully in any review of my application, examination, or certification and I agree to submit any additional information requested.

IV. Examination Confidentiality.

I am seeking admission to take the ABCP examinations for the purpose of pursuing certification, and for no other purpose. Because of the confidential nature of the examinations, I agree to not make or keep copies, excerpts, or notes of examination materials, and to not use or divulge information learned from the examinations. The examinations are the exclusive property of ABCP and I will not use them in any way without the express prior written consent of ABCP.

V. Examination Administration.

- A. I agree to abide by ABCP's reasonable rules regarding test administration. I may be refused my admission to an examination if I do not have the proper identification (valid photo ID). The proctors may take steps as they believe necessary to maintain a secure and proper test administration.
- B. If I am refused admission or fail to appear at the test site, or if my examination performance is voided based upon my behavior, I agree that I will not receive a refund of the application or examination fees and there will be no credit for any future examination.
- C. I understand that review of the adequacy of examination materials will be limited to computing accurate scoring; I hereby waive all further claims of examination review.
- D. I acknowledge that ABCP is concerned with reporting only valid scores. I agree that ABCP may cancel an examination score if there is adequate reason to question its validity because of misconduct or other circumstances.

VI. Continuing Compliance.

If I am granted certification, I understand and agree that it will be my responsibility to remain in continuous compliance with all ABCP policies and procedures. I agree that it is my responsibility to demonstrate and maintain compliance at all times.

VII. Certification Marks.

- A. The "CCP" credential is the sole and exclusive property of ABCP and is subject to all applicable trademark and other rights of ABCP as owner under United States intellectual property law and international conventions. I agree to abide by ABCP's instructions regarding use of its intellectual property, and to not use this intellectual property in any way without the express prior written consent of ABCP.
- B. I agree to correct at my own expense any inaccurate or unauthorized use by me of the "CCP" credential. I agree that if I refuse to make corrections, then ABCP is entitled to obtain all relief permitted by law, including but not limited to injunctive relief to enforce its rights with respect to the protection of its name, credential, logo, and other intellectual property.

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VIII. Information Release.

- A.** I agree that ABCP may release information regarding my application and certification record to state and federal authorities, licensing boards, employers, and others. This information includes (but is not limited to) ABCP's findings regarding review of my application, fraudulent statements made by me, and the pendency or outcome of disciplinary proceedings.
- B.** ABCP may release my name, city, state, and country and the fact that I have been granted certification in ABCP's online directory and Booklet of Information (BOI).
- C.** It is the policy of ABCP to anonymously release applicants' examination scores to the cardiovascular perfusion educational institution(s) listed on their applications and the receiving institutions are required to keep this score data confidential. The purpose of this policy is to assist these institutions in evaluating and improving their cardiovascular perfusion educational programs. I hereby authorize ABCP to release my scores in accordance with this policy.

IX. Duration of Certification.

This Consent Form will become effective as of the date of my signature below and will remain in effect for the duration of my application review. If I am granted certification, I agree that the terms of this Consent Form will automatically continue in effect for the duration of my certification by ABCP. I acknowledge and agree that certification is awarded only for a one-year period, and that recertification applications and reviews will be required to maintain certification. In addition, I acknowledge and agree that I must complete the required number of clinical activities and professional activities during the certification period in order to be eligible for recertification.

X. Waiver of Claims & Indemnification.

- A.** I hereby waive all claims against ABCP arising out of my application and my participation in the certification program, including (but not limited to) claims arising out of (i) any release of information to state and federal authorities, licensing boards, employers, and others, and (ii) any investigation and review of my application and certification by ABCP.
- B.** I agree to indemnify ABCP for any third-party claims arising out of any action taken pursuant to the policies and procedures of ABCP with regard to my application, the examination, or my certification. In addition, I agree to indemnify ABCP for any third-party claims arising out of my professional practice and related activities.
- C.** The provisions of this Waiver of Claims & Indemnification section do not extend to claims based on the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or intentional misconduct of ABCP.
- D.** My obligations and rights and those of ABCP under this Waiver of Claims & Indemnification section will survive beyond the termination or expiration of my certification and remain in full force and effect.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Consent Form and agree to its terms.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Ethical Standards of The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion

The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) is dedicated to the provision of safe, competent medical care for any and all patients. To that end, the ABCP administers certification examinations and monitors recertification, and therefore requires those participating in these credentialing processes to ascribe to the following ethical standards.

- I. Each Certified Clinical Perfusionist (CCP) and applicant (or candidate for certification), (hereinafter, referred to as "individual,") shall comply and will comply with all existing and future rules, regulations and standards of the ABCP and will bear responsibility for demonstrating compliance with same. An individual is eligible to apply for and to maintain certification/recertification only when in compliance with all ABCP rules, regulations and standards.

If an individual is not in compliance with ABCP rules, regulations or standards, the ABCP may impose one or more of the following sanctions: deny or suspend eligibility, deny, revoke, refuse to renew, or suspend certification; issue a reprimand, or take other corrective action regarding certification or recertification.

- II. The individual shall not willfully fail to promote the safety and welfare of the public, whether through negligent acts, acts of omission or through misrepresentation. Failure to promote public safety and welfare or the provision of safe, competent medical care includes (but is not limited to):
 - A. Impairment of professional performance because of habitual use of alcohol, drugs, or other substance, or any physical or mental condition;
 - B. Gross or repeated negligence or malpractice in professional work;
 - C. Noncompliance with laws related to the profession;
 - D. Failure to maintain a current professional credential as required by the jurisdiction in which the individual practices (this may include a license, certificate, or registration).
 - E. The conviction of, plea of guilty to, or plea of *nolo contendere* to a felony related to public health and safety or the profession; and
 - F. Disciplinary action by a licensing board or professional organization other than ABCP.
- III. The individual convicted of, or pleading guilty or *nolo contendere* to, a felony directly related to public health and safety, or the provision of safe, competent medical care shall be considered ineligible to apply for certification/recertification for a period of one year from the exhaustion of the appeals, proceeds or final release from confinement (if any), or the end of probation, whichever is later. An individual who is incarcerated, or for whom incarceration is pending, as of the application deadline date is ineligible for certification or recertification to the end of incarceration.

Felony convictions considered for this standard include, but are not limited to, fraud, actual or threatened use of a weapon or violence, rape, sexual abuse of a patient or child, or prohibited sale, distribution, or possession of, or misuse of controlled substances.

- IV. The individual shall not engage in unauthorized possession or misuse of ABCP's credential, examinations, and other intellectual property. The individual shall respect ABCP's intellectual property rights and comply with the ABCP Use of Credential Trademark Policy.
- V. The individual shall not misrepresent his/her certification status or misuse any title or membership in any professional organization or community.
- VI. The individual shall abide by ABCP's reasonable test administration rules. The individual shall have had no unauthorized possession of, use of, or access to any examination documents or materials. The individual shall not receive any unauthorized assistance, copy examination materials, or cause a disruption in the testing area during a test administration or the conduction of any portion of the certification examination. The individual shall not subsequently use or divulge information gained from his/her examination experience for any reason.
- VII. The individual must truthfully complete and sign an application in the form provided by the ABCP, pay the required fees, and provide additional information as requested. The individual shall not make any material misrepresentation of fact during application for certification/recertification. Ineligibility for certification, regardless of when the ineligibility is discovered, is grounds for disciplinary action.

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VIII. The individual shall report possible violations of these Ethical Standards and any other development bearing on certification in writing to the Executive Director of the ABCP. Other persons concerned with possible violation of ABCP rules are encouraged to contact the ABCP. The person making the complaint should identify him/herself by name, address, email address, and telephone number. However, ABCP may consider anonymous complaints.

This report should include information regarding the identity of the person(s) involved in the alleged misconduct with as much specific detail and documentation as possible. The identity of the person making the report must be made known as well as others with knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged misconduct.

As an applicant for certification, I have read, understand, and hereby ascribe to the principles in these Ethical Standards.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Acknowledgement Statement

This is a formal reminder and confirmation that our Ethics Policies and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) strictly prohibit the reproduction or sharing of any ABCP examination materials. Possession of such materials by any applicant or Certified Clinical Perfusionist (CCP) will result in an ethics investigation in accordance with our established policies.

ABCP Ethics policy includes the following sections:

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VI. The individual shall abide by the ABCP's reasonable test administration rules. The individual shall have had no unauthorized possession of, use of, or access to any examination documents or materials, nor shall the individual receive any unauthorized assistance, copy examination materials, or cause a disruption in the testing area during a test administration or the conduction of any portion of the certification examination. The individual shall not subsequently use or divulge information gained from his/her examination experience for any reason.

Please review and adhere to the following statement:

If a certification applicant or CCP publicly discloses or possesses the content of examination questions, whether or not verbatim and whether or not intentionally, that person's test score will be canceled.

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the above statement.

Signature

Printed Name

Date