

Affordable Cost

The cost of annual membership is \$35. The price was set to make it affordable for all who are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in spinecare.

Benefits of Candidate Membership

There are many valuable member benefits available to the Candidate Member. These benefits include:

- Personalized membership certificate
- Candidate press release
- Access to self-study educational courses
- Receipt of ACADEMY NEWS
- Use of Career Enhancement Program Resources
- FREE professional membership with the International Spine Association (ISA)
- Eligible to acquire credits toward topic specific Certificates of Achievement
- Develop a spinecare network with the Inform a Colleague Resource with library of links
- Access AASP brochures and publications
- Save money and receive special offers through the AASP Buying Advantage Program
- Ability to access select Practice Development Resources

Representation at Educational Institutions

It is the goal of the AASP to obtain a student / resident and faculty representative at each participating educational institution. The representatives will help facilitate student, and resident and faculty participation. Through the help of Corporate Educational Partners, the AASP is also willing to provide a dedicated AASP student Resources Center to select educational institutions. If you are interested in being a representative Candidate Member of the Academy, please contact the AASP office at (847) 697-4660.

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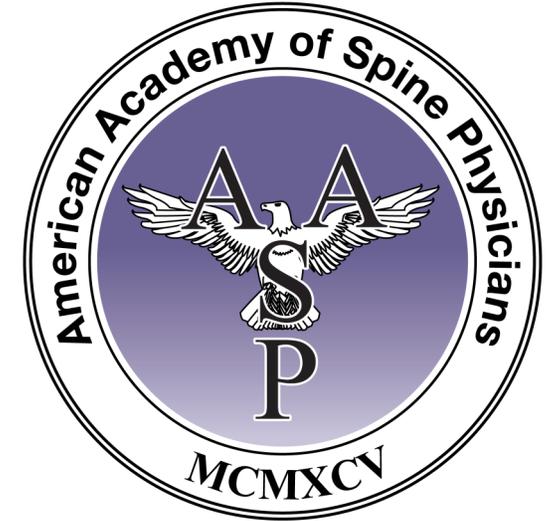
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Candidate Member Program



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The Academy

The American Academy of Spine Physicians (AASP) is a national organization, comprised of healthcare professionals of various disciplines, who are committed to excellence in spinecare. The AASP is one of the largest and most influential interdisciplinary spine organizations of its kind. The Academy provides a variety of valuable resources for its members, including continuing education, credentialing, practice development resources, patient education items and access to member discounts on products and services. The AASP is committed to keeping its members informed about available services and technologies.



What is a Candidate Member?

The AASP is committed to providing future spinecare professionals in training with an opportunity to become a member of the AASP. To meet this goal and help shape the future of spinecare, the AASP developed the Candidate Membership Program. Students and residents are eligible to become Candidate Members. The AASP offers numerous benefits and resources to candidate members, providing them with a unique advantage prior to starting practice.

Buying Advantage Program

Candidate members can access the AASP Buying Advantage Program. Participating companies may provide members with special offers and/or significant cost savings. The Buying Advantage Program could help save the new graduate thousands of dollars in equipment and supply purchases.

Candidate Member Achievement Credits

Candidate Members of the AASP are eligible to obtain Continuing Education credits through online programs. These credits, during this time, cannot be applied toward receiving Diplomate or Fellow status with the Academy. Continuing education credits, acquired through the Academy as a Candidate Member, cannot be applied toward credentialing. When the Candidate Member graduates and is granted a license then they receive the opportunity to apply CE credit toward Diplomate / Fellow Status. Candidate members are given the opportunity to acquire special Certificates of Achievement for completed academic activities, if so desired. This program provides a unique opportunity for Candidate Members to advance their knowledge and expand their resumes.

DEVELOP YOUR RESUME WHILE STILL IN TRAINING WITH CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT.

Easy Access to Member Benefits

The AASP website was developed to provide Candidate Members with direct online access to member benefits, educational programs and timely information 24/7. All benefits can be accessed through a single location referred to as the Member Dashboard.



“NO ONE IS BIG ENOUGH TO BE INDEPENDENT OF OTHERS.”

William W. Mayo 1941

Advance Career Opportunities Through Membership

The AASP has developed the necessary affiliations and technologies to offer a Career Enhancement Program to Candidate Members. This includes access to resources for posting resumes, finding employment and navigating career opportunities/transitions. The Program was also designed to help employers identify qualified spinecare professionals for their programs. This is important, especially with the transition toward larger integrated healthcare groups and networked healthcare systems.

The AASP Career Enhancement Initiative incorporates leading-edge programming and internet technologies to provide Candidate Members and new graduates with effective networking resources. This includes an online career board, which serves as the foundation for the development of a full service career center. Employers and job seekers can post opportunities, make inquiries, direct offers, search databases, receive emails and do more right from their desk.

Additional services will eventually include convenient, personalized career guidance services such as resume critiques, career coaching, resume and cover letter services and disclosure of salary negotiation considerations. The AASP is committed to working with other associations to help facilitate a nationwide “match-making” function. The integration of online career boards will help create a broad interactive database of jobs and resumes which will help shape the future of spinecare and spinecare facilities.

Join Leaders and Help Shape the Future of Spinecare

The American Academy of Spine Physicians (AASP), like the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA), is in a position of influence and, therefore, assumes the responsibility to educate the public and members of the healthcare profession about spinecare and spinecare products and services.