

Fellow Status (FACSS)

Credentialing with the American Academy of Spine Physicians (AASP) demonstrates the member's commitment to excellence in spinecare and thus enhances their professional stature with patients, the public, and other healthcare professionals. Fellow status with the American College of Spine Specialists (FACSS) represents the highest level of academic distinction awarded to Affiliate Members (non-physician members) by the AASP. Both AASP and ACSS are divisions of the American Academy of Spine Physicians. Affiliate Members, who achieve Fellow status, can proudly display the personalized fellowship certificate (as above) in their offices.

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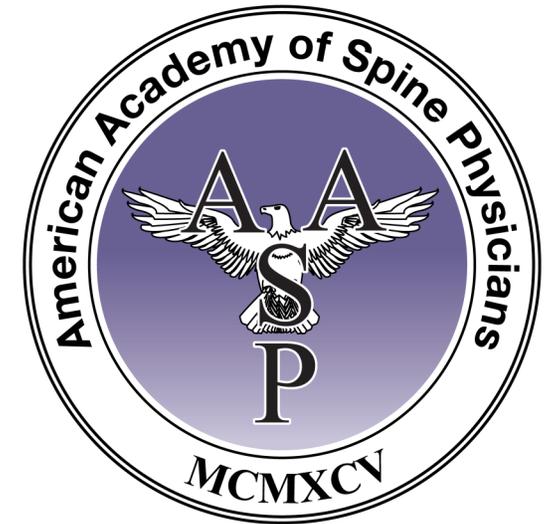


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Continuing Education

Affiliate Members



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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 multidisciplinary spine organizations in the world. The Academy provides a variety of valuable resources for its members including continuing education, credentialing, practice development resources, patient education items, and press releases. The AASP is committed to keeping its members informed about available spinecare-related services and technology.



Commitment to Education

The AASP is dedicated to providing unique and affordable educational opportunities for healthcare professionals who care for patients with spine and related disorders. Special opportunities are also provided for Affiliate Members (non-physician members) of the AASP. Emphasis is placed on offering cost-efficient and flexible self-study programs. AASP programs are accessible through the website.

Academy continuing education programs include flexible online opportunities with access to written and multimedia resources. The AASP also participates in jointly sponsored activities with organizations and educational facilities with compatible goals.

Through the education of its members, the AASP can help improve the quality of spinecare.

Course Formats

The AASP offers flexible continuing education opportunities in four primary categories which are:

- Textbook Review Courses
- Online Journal Review Courses
- Case Study Courses
- Other AASP Courses

Courses

The AASP currently offers over 70 courses. The courses include a wide range of topics including spine anatomy, spine biomechanics and diagnostic methods, as well as, courses on the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and care of spine disorders.

After studying the material for each course, the participant can take a corresponding test online. The test is auto-graded electronically. The results are immediately sent to the participant via their established email. To obtain credit for courses, tests must be passed with a minimum of 80% proficiency. The continuing education opportunities help facilitate cooperative spinecare. One of the benefits of AASP continuing education programs is that the members can choose topics they are most interested in.

Credentialing

The AASP offers credentialing to Affiliate Members (non-physician members) who complete the required level of continuing education.

Diplomate status is not offered to Affiliate members. (Refer to Fellow status below).

Fellow status with the American College of Spine Specialists (FACSS), a division of the AASP, is awarded to the Affiliate Member of the AASP who has obtained 250 continuing education credits through the AASP.



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

Benefits of Credentialing

The benefits of credentialing through the AASP include:

- Enhanced recognition through a respected multidisciplinary organization
- Multidisciplinary recognition of exceptional academic achievement in spinecare
- Demonstrated commitment to academic excellence in spinecare
- Distinguished credentials for managed care
- Foundation for working in /with multidisciplinary healthcare systems
- Access to AASP patient and public education Materials, including script forms/pads which acknowledge the member's advanced credentialed status



Enhanced Recognition

It is important for spine specialists to inform their patients and the public about their experience and expertise. The AASP is committed to helping spine specialists achieve higher levels of education and credentialing in spinecare. Those who obtain Fellow Status (FACSS), can use the designation after their name on patient educational resources, directory listings, and on professional correspondence.

The AASP strives to enhance public recognition of spine specialists who have obtained additional training and academic distinction. This is achieved through various publications, press releases and through online directories and listings.