



APCATM

Alliance for Physician
Certification & Advancement

MSK Prerequisites

RMSK® Prerequisite

(Note: All listed items must be met and completed prior to application submission.)

Licensure

(Must hold and be practicing as one of the following designations with a current, valid professional license to practice.):

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Nurse Practitioner (NP)

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)

Physician Assistant (PA)

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
(MBBS) earned outside North America

Physical Therapist (PT)

Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)

Required Clinical Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Experience

Performed and/or authorized diagnosis of a minimum of 150 musculoskeletal ultrasound studies within the preceding 36 months of application. No more than 5% (8 cases) of the 150 case log requirement can be labeled as therapeutic (injection or aspiration). For purposes of satisfying this requirement, these studies must be completed on an actual patient in a clinical diagnostic* setting. Simulation is not acceptable for this attestation.

Recommended Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Although CMEs are not required to apply for the MSK examination, APCA highly recommends and encourages applicants to earn a minimum of 30 musculoskeletal ultrasound specific CMEs to assist you in preparing to take the MSK examination. Applicants do not need to submit CME documentation as this is only a recommendation and not a requirement.

Documentation Required with Application

1) Copy of current, valid professional license to practice as an MD, DO, DPM, MBBS, DC, NP, PA, DPT or PT.

2) Completed online self-attestation form indicating that you have performed and/or authorized diagnosis of a minimum of 150 musculoskeletal ultrasound studies within the preceding 36 months of application. The self-attestation form is incorporated into the online application for the MSK examination. Please visit APCA.org/RMSK to view a sample of the attestation form.

and

3) Applicants must maintain a patient log (to see a sample form visit APCA.org/RMSK) indicating that you have performed and/or authorized diagnosis of a minimum of 150 musculoskeletal ultrasound studies within the preceding 36 months of application. No more than 5% (8 cases) of the 150 case log requirement can be labeled as therapeutic (injection or aspiration). This log does not need to be submitted with the application but may be requested as part of a random audit. This documentation should be maintained by the applicant for at least 36 months following the date of application for the MSK examination.

and

4) Photocopy of a non-expired government issued photo identification with signature; the first and last names on the identification must exactly match the first and last name under which you apply.

**Clinical diagnostic settings include hospitals, clinics and private practices. APCA does not accept volunteer, instructorship, unpaid, barter or veterinarian experience.*

Note: The name on all supporting documentation must be consistent and must match the name under which you apply. If it does not, you will need to submit legal documentation of the name change (e.g. a marriage/divorce certificate) and all other supporting documentation.

Note: Prerequisite requirements are subject to change at any time and from time to time. Applicants must meet current prerequisite requirements in effect at the time of application. APCA, in its discretion, may request from you or others information concerning matters that may be relevant to your eligibility for certification and certification status. Documentation received in a language other than English must include a notarized translation in English. All documents, communications, and other information received by APCA become the property of APCA and will not be returned.