

PVI Post-Graduate Program With Simulation Cases (Not Accredited by ACGME, RCPSC or AOA) - Sample Letter

Use for PVI examination only. Not to be used for Prerequisites 4A1 and 4B1.

(THIS IS A MANDATORY TEMPLATE CONTAINING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION)

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***Note:** This letter must be on employer letterhead and include the above information.

[Insert Current Date]

Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement™ (APCA™)

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This is to verify that Dr. [insert applicant's name] has attended (or is attending) a post-graduate medical education program, [insert full program title], at [insert name of school/hospital] from [insert dates attended – example April 1, 2014 through May 1, 2016]. During this timeframe, he/she has completed a minimum of 48 weeks of clinical training, a minimum of 30 hours of didactic instruction relevant to interpretation and other vascular lab topics and a minimum of 40 hours of observation/supervised participation in a vascular lab setting.

Dr. [insert applicant's name] has had formal instruction in the performance and interpretation of vascular laboratory tests, including physiologic methods and duplex imaging. He/She has interpreted, under supervision, a minimum of [insert number of studies interpreted] cases* which have been distributed over the major testing areas of [insert areas of study, for example – extracranial/intracranial cerebrovascular, transcranial Doppler, peripheral arterial physiologic/duplex, venous duplex, and visceral vascular duplex.] These cases were completed as part of the above-mentioned fellowship/residency.

Of the stated total number of cases above, [insert number totaling no more than 100} cases are didactic or simulated cases that were presented and interpreted in a format that is equivalent to cases encountered in a clinical diagnostic setting. All didactic or simulated cases include the following features:

1. Indications and relevant clinical information are presented to the interpreting physician
2. Complete technical information for the examination should be provided, including images, cine loops, worksheets, and sonographer notes

3. The interpreting physician completes a final report in a format that meets IAC Vascular Testing Standards and Guidelines and is compliant with requirements for clinical documentation and billing
4. There is feedback from an educator or supervisor indicating that the interpretation met standards or what changes were required
5. The time to complete each simulated case interpretation should not be less than what would be required in a clinical diagnostic setting

Case details are available for audit by ARDMS to ensure that the above requirements are met

For questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [\[insert phone number or email\]](#).

Sincerely,

[\[Insert original signature\]](#)

[\[Insert physicians first and last name with any credentials and credential/license numbers\]](#)

[\[Insert title – example Program Director\]](#)

[\[Insert email address\]](#)

***Note:** A log of these cases must be maintained for at least three years following the date of application approval as case logs are subject to audit.