How does the program work?

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Candidates may take up to five years from the original application date to complete the following requirements:

- 100 total credits of training and experience composed of:
  - 60 minimum to 80 maximum credits from the Core Curriculum (55 min. to 70 max. required topics, 5 min. to 10 max. elective topics)
  - 20 min. to 40 max. credits from the Experience Summary Report
  - Verification of medical training credential appropriate to the candidate’s medical vocation or discipline
  - At least one year of work experience in the stated medical discipline
  - A signed professional conduct statement
  - Membership in the Wilderness Medical Society™ for at least two years or a combination of Student/Resident and active membership for at least five years

For accomplished individuals who desire:

- Distinction for professional education in wilderness medicine
- Validation for the public, patients, and clients of training in wilderness medicine
- Recognition for completing high-quality standards in wilderness medicine

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Candidates complete an Experience Report that reflects their experience in the following six categories:

1. Wilderness Emergencies & Trauma Management
2. Tropical & Travel Medicine
3. Field Craft & Equipment
4. Rescue & Evacuation
5. Improvised & Alternative Medicine
6. Disaster & Humanitarian Assistance
7. Sports Medicine & Physiology
8. General Environmental Medicine
9. Diving & Hyperbaric Medicine
10. Service to WMS
11. Volunteer Teaching
12. Publishing & Research

Professional Conduct Statement

A Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™ (F.W.M.S.) shall uphold the values and Code of Ethics (described below) with the obligation to advance the field of wilderness medicine and uphold the intellectual property and professional conduct of the Academy. A Fellow of the Academy, with full knowledge of its high standards, and to conform to principles of professional conduct. A fellow of the academy will:

• Participate in as many educational opportunities in which the member’s organization, clients, or profession
• Participate in activities that enhance the welfare of the member’s organization, clients, or profession
• Provide reimbursement of expenses and/or be forthcoming and truthful about financial relationships

Experience Report


Read more at WMS.org/academy

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Qualification

Fellows will have completed all required qualifying, credentialing, or vocational medical education and will be licensed or board certified in their respective vocational discipline.

Candidates must have completed at least one year of professional practice in a professional practice setting that includes disaster or critical care planning on an initial grant program.

Fees

Academy registration fee $95
Retroactive credit review ($50 per credit) $50
Join WMS if not a current member
Dues $180
Non-Dues $160
Resident Student $50
Student $95
TOTAL ________________

Payment

Check enclosed
Mailing address paid to U.S. funds to Wilderness Medical Society™

Charge card:
Visa
MasterCard
American Express
Discover

Card #: __________________________
Exp./YY: ______________________

Signature of Applicant: __________________________
Date: __________________________

Disclaimer

Consistent with Academy policy, the WMS cannot assume the responsibility for any individual’s educational activities or assessment or certification of this application. The WMS is not responsible for the results or actions of any educational activities or assessment or certification of this application, or any other activities or certification requested as part of the application. The mission of the WMS is to promote the highest standards of wilderness medicine through education and advocacy. The WMS is committed to maintaining the highest standards for its educational programs and practices.

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The Core Curriculum is a comprehensive list of topics in wilderness medicine divided into 12 categories. Each topic is assigned the number of hours of training required to satisfy that topic. Candidates fulfill the requirements of the Core Curriculum participating in eligible events. Most eligible events will include more than one topic and credit, and may have a required level of competency. WMS course brochures will numerically identify all topics so that candidates may select courses offerings according to their interest. Candidates who complete all the topics within a core curriculum category are eligible to receive a certificate of achievement. Candidates should be acknowledged for reaching milestones as they complete the Core Curriculum requirements toward Fellowship recognition. This category of the Core Curriculum are:

1. General Practice Medicine
2. Traumath & Travel Medicine
3. High Altitude & Mountaineering Medicine
4. Expedition Medicine
5. Field Sport & Exercise
6. Fatigue & Stress
7. Preventive Medicine, Field Sanitation & Hygiene
8. Sports Medicine & Physiology
9. Rehabilitation & Disability Medicine
10. Improved Athlete Performance
11. Public Health & Environment
12. Wilderness Enterprise & Finance Management

Experience Report

Candidates complete Experience Report (ExR) that outline their experience in the following categories:

- Board Certification/Continuing Education
- Volunteer/Other Experience
- Practice
- Research/Other

Candidates must qualify for at least 20 credits from the Experience Report.

Sub-Discipline Options

In addition to the general registry, candidates will also receive a certificate of completion for choosing one or two sub-disciplines in wilderness medicine subspecialties. Currently the Academy recognizes four sub-disciplines:

- Gastroenterology & Hepatology
- Traumatology & Travel Medicine
- High Altitude & Mountaineering Medicine
- Expedition Medicine

"Can I receive credits for courses I took prior to becoming an Academy candidate?"

Yes. Candidates meeting clinical criteria for registry may request that previously completed educational events be applied toward registry credit. There is an additional $50.00 administrative fee associated with the service. No eligible events and educational activities must meet the following criteria:

- Be on the list of eligible activities located at the Academy Web site
- Have been completed within two years of the WMS educational conference or other affiliated event
- Must have been completed while a WMS member in good standing

To receive credit for eligible events, please submit photocopies of CME certificates to the Academy.

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- Balance knowledge and personal experience with the knowledge of the wilderness environment, clients, or patients.
- Participate in activities that fall within the scope of scientific, ethical, and legal obligations on the above.
- Effectively discharge professional and legal conflicts of interest with the understanding that such conflicts can appear in practice, or personal interests.
- Recognize and disclose relationships of corporations and receive briefing and truthful about
- Professional experiences and qualifications.

Register your event with the Academy

The Academy is continually updating its list of eligible courses and Academy members are seeking to ensure that the program requirements become a Fellow. Organizations and individuals who present courses in Wilderness Medicine can have their events affiliated with the WMS and applying to the academy within 60 days of the event. If you choose this option, please, provide us with the syllabus, the CME provider name, and a CVV.

Please complete this form and submit it with the following three documents:

1. Program evaluation is a short paragraph of evaluation certificate or diploma along with valid contact information.
2. Proof of experience: a photocopy of a membership certificate or diploma along with verifiable contact information.
3. Proof of qualification: a copy of your current professional license or state registration.

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The WMS is under no obligation to keep the names of individuals listed in the registry confidential and those submitted for credit.

Please submit photocopies of CME certificates for the requirements of the Core Curriculum.

Disclosure

The WMS is not obligated to accept any of the terms in the registry and the WMS is not responsible for any specific action or omission.

Payment

Check enclosed. Make checks payable in U.S. funds to Wilderness Medical Society™

Signature ________________________________________________________________

Total: $______________

CVV

SIGNATURE

Disclaimers

Candidates are responsible for securing the required number of hours training in the eligible activities. The WMS is not responsible for the accuracy of the information submitted.

By submitting this request, you agree and understand that the Director of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™ will review and make final approval of all applicants to the candidacy of Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™.

Check the box to indicate:

- 1. I have read and agree to the Professional Conduct Statement and understand that the Director of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™ will review and make final approval of all applicants to the candidacy of Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™.
- 2. I agree to the disclosure statement:

Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Email (required):

Fees

Academy registration fee $225 (5-year term) $

Retraction credit review $50

Jew WMS if a current member

Doctoral $245 Non-Doctoral $195 Resident $150 Student $50 TOTAL $______________

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Signature of Applicant:

Date:

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