




Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™

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



The Wilderness can mean beauty, recreation, opportunity, and the thrill of the unknown, but few expect to face a wild-animal attack, exposure, illness, or traumatic injury. Additionally, events in any location—rural or urban—can require wilderness medical training if standard resources are too distant or unavailable because of catastrophe. As participation in wilderness recreation increases, so does the need for competent wilderness practitioners, and the public needs to know whom they can count on to provide medical care and education when traditional medical attention is not immediately available.

For this reason the Wilderness Medical Society™ has established the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™. The Academy maintains a demanding set of requirements that validates each member's qualifications in wilderness medicine. We review conferences, classes, and training events against a Core Curriculum of Wilderness Medical Topics to determine which topics are covered and how many hours of credit are provided towards a Core Curriculum of Wilderness Medical Topics. Candidates for the Academy participate in eligible events and receive credit for the topics covered. When candidates fulfill the requirements of the Core Curriculum and demonstrate other required experience in Wilderness Medicine, they qualify to be reviewed to become members of the Academy with the designation "Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™."



Information/Application





The Core Curriculum

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 by participating in eligible events. Most eligible events will include more than one topic and credit, and may have a required hands-on component. WMS course brochures will numerically identify all topics so that candidates may select course offerings according to their needs. Candidates who complete all the topics within a core curriculum category are eligible to receive a certificate of achievement. Candidates will be acknowledged for reaching milestones as they work to complete Academy requirements toward Fellowship recognition. The categories of the Core Curriculum are

1. Diving & Hyperbaric Medicine
2. Tropical & Travel Medicine
3. High Altitude & Mountaineering Medicine
4. Expedition Medicine
5. Field Craft & Equipment
6. Rescue & Evacuation
7. Sports Medicine & Physiology
8. Preventive Medicine, Field Sanitation & Hygiene
9. General Environmental Medicine
10. Improvised & Alternative Medicine
11. Disaster & Humanitarian Assistance
12. Wilderness Emergencies & Trauma Management



Experience Report

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

- Board Certification & Conference Attendance
- Publishing & Research
- Volunteer Teaching
- Public Service
- Practice
- Service to WMS

Candidates must qualify for 20–40 credits from the Experience Report.

Sub-Discipline Options

In addition to the general registry, candidates will also receive a certificate of completion for choosing to complete additional hours in a wilderness medicine sub discipline. Currently the Academy recognizes four sub disciplines:

- Diving & Hyperbaric Medicine
- Tropical & 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 initial 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 this service. To be eligible for credit, educational activities must meet the following criteria:

- Be on the list of eligible activities located on the Academy Web site
- Will have been conducted at an official WMS educational conference or other affiliated event
- Must have been completed while a WMS member in good standing

To receive retroactive credit for eligible events, please submit photocopies of CME certificates for the activities. We will confirm these with WMS records.

Professional Conduct Statement

A Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™ (FAWM) will uphold the WMS and AWM Code of Ethics (described below) with the obligation to advance the field of wilderness medicine and uphold its high standards, and to conform to principles of professional conduct. A fellow of the academy will:

- Participate in activities that enhance the welfare of the member’s organization, clients, or profession
- Participate in activities that fall within the scope of fiduciary, ethical, and legal obligations to their organizations and their clients
- Effectively disclose all potential and actual conflicts of interest with the understanding that such disclosure does not preclude or imply ethical impropriety
- Recognize individual boundaries of competence and remain forthcoming and truthful about professional experience and qualifications

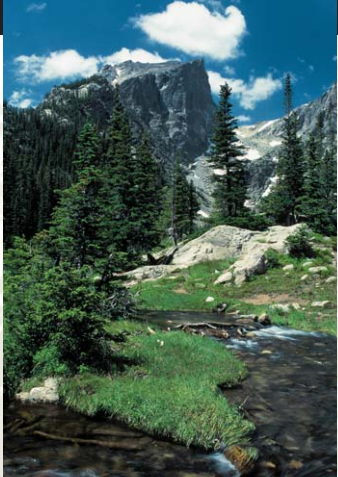
Register your event with the Academy

The Academy is continually expanding its list of eligible courses and Academy members are seeking out courses that will provide the requirements to become a Fellow. Organizations and individuals who present courses in Wilderness Medicine can have their events affiliated with the Academy so that they are eligible for credit towards the requirements of the Core Curriculum. Directions and the online registration form are located at WMS.org/academy/registration. Affiliated events are listed on the Academy’s list of eligible events as well as the WMS events calendar on line and in *Wilderness Medicine Magazine*™.

Read more at WMS.org/academy

A list of the core curriculum, eligible activities, a copy of this brochure, updates, FAQs, and all other details about the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™ are located on our Web site: www.wms.org/academy





Qualification

Registrants will have completed an initial qualifying, credentialing, or vocational degree-producing program in any recognized medical discipline or vocation or be a current student or resident of such a program.

Experience

Registrants will have completed at least one year of professional practice in their medical vocation or discipline after completion of an initial qualifying program or school.

Currency

Registrants will, at the time of registration, be current with respect to licensure and/or institutional registration in their respective vocational discipline.

Membership

Fellows and candidates must maintain an active membership in the WMS in order to maintain their Academy status. **If you are not a WMS member, and received this application at an eligible event or saw a presentation about the Fellowship at an event, then you can receive credit for that event by joining the WMS and applying to the academy within 90 days of the event.** If you choose this option, please include a copy of your CME certificate with this application.

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

- Proof of qualification: a photocopy of a graduation certificate or diploma along with verifiable contact information at the awarding program or school
- Proof of experience: a photocopy of a membership certificate or similar documentation in a professional society, association, institution, or employment, and verifiable contact information
- Proof of currency: a photocopy of any current professional discipline credentials including but not limited to state licensure or registration.

Fee Structure

Academy applicants pay an initial one-time fee of \$225 for a 5-year term to complete the requirements and achieve Fellow status. The charge for retroactive credit review is \$50 regardless of the number of events submitted for credit.

Disclosure

The WMS is under no obligation to keep the names of individuals listed in the registry confidential and those accepting inclusion in the registry thereby give permission to list their names publicly in Society related publications and website applications.

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Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™

Name _____

Credentials _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email (required) _____

Fees

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

Retroactive credit review (OPTIONAL) \$50 \$ _____

Join WMS if not a current member

Doctoral \$195 Non-Doctoral \$150 Resident \$100 Student \$50 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Payment

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

Charge to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

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Disclaimer

Consistent with Academy principles, the WMS does not vouch for the competency of any individual listed in the registry. The Academy's role is limited to documenting and verifying that individuals in the registry have met the educational criteria established by the Academy. Documented education and/or experience should not be used to verify or validate an individual's competency to perform any specific task or skill.

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™. Appeals will be made in writing to the Academy Director. If not able to be resolved, these will be reviewed by the WMS Executive Committee with final decision authority resting with the WMS President.

Signature of Applicant

Date

www.wms.org

"How does the program work?"

Membership in the Academy is open to all WMS members. After submitting the application and application fees, candidates participate in eligible activities, such as conferences and CME courses. The Academy documents this participation until all requirements are completed. Additionally, candidates record professional, academic, volunteer, and other wilderness medical experience with the Experience Report. Completion of this report ensures that a member's wilderness medical experience is thorough and well-rounded.

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™

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