

# CERTIFIED VETERINARY PAIN PRACTITIONER

RECERTIFICATION &  
MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION



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## **I. Eligibility Requirements**

Congratulations on being a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner (CVPP) and holding this mark of distinction for five years. As a CVPP, recertification or maintenance of certification is required every five years and failure to do so, will result in forfeiting this distinguished and well-earned designation.

As a member of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM), applicants' membership dues should be paid annually in order to maintain good standing and be eligible for recertification. If applicants are delinquent or have a hold on their membership, payment of all outstanding fees will need to be processed immediately to ensure eligibility for recertification.

### ***a. Notification***

IVAPM works to track the timeframe for all CVPP's eligible for recertification and will notify applicants 12 months prior to their CVPP certification renewal. However, it is also the applicants' responsibility to track their time as a CVPP, as extensions will not be granted due to claims of lack of notification.

### ***b. Point Accrual & Time Frame***

Applicants must accumulate five hundred (500) points every five years in one or more of the categories (see Section II, Table of Points) during the five-year period following their initial certification to maintain CVPP status.

### ***c. Deadline***

All points for recertification must be submitted by December 31 in the expiration (fifth) year prior to expiration.

### ***d. Fee***

The renewal fee for recertification is \$250 (veterinarians) and \$150 (technicians) in addition to ensuring membership dues for IVAPM are current. Payment must be received by December 31 of the applicants' expiration (fifth) year.

### ***e. Submission***

All materials, forms, etc. may be submitted via the Member Portal under "Recertification." Please mark the "Recertification" check box of the CVPP application, complete the online form and upload supporting documentation in PDF format. Your original ARN will be assigned to your submission to maintain anonymity in case reviews, etc.

Have questions regarding the recertification process?

Contact: [Info@IVAPM](mailto:Info@IVAPM)

## II. Table of Points

Points can be accumulated in one or more of the following categories to meet the five hundred (500) point goal. However, it is recommended applicants submit more than 500 points, in the event some are not accepted. For complete category details, see Section III, Point Accumulation Specifications.

Category	Points Earned	Maximum Allowances	Maximum Points
a. Pass Current CVPP Exam	500	1	500
b. Submit New Case Report(s)	250 per Accepted Case Report	2	500
c. Submit Continuing Education (CE)	- IVAPM Sponsored CE: Four per hour - Non-IVAPM Pain Management Sponsored CE: Two per hour	Submit all hours acquired in the past five-year period	300 Must submit a minimum of 100
d. Write Exam Questions	5 per Accepted Question	40	200
e. Lectures/Wetlabs at Recognized Conferences	20 per Lecture or Wetlab Hour	10 Lectures/Wetlabs Lectures will only be counted once	200
f. Author, Contribute, Edit Pain Related Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and/or Textbook Chapter	100	2	200
g. Complete Additional Pain Management Credentialing	250	2	500
h. Review Exam Questions**	1 per Reviewed Question	150	150
i. Review Case Report(s)**	10 per Reviewed Case	15	150

\*\* Only offered to CVPP Committee Members

## III. Point Accumulation Specifications

### **a. Pass Current CVPP Exam**

Applicants will have one attempt in the expiration (fifth) year, to take and pass the current CVPP exam administered annually in September.

Exam details, including but not limited to, dates, locations, exam format and processes, may be found on the [CVPP Certification Application](#) page on the IVAPM web site.

### **b. Submit New Case Report(s)**

As with case reports submitted during the original certification process, new reports should follow the same format. [Format details](#) may be found on the IVAPM web site.

Upon review, new case reports will be evaluated by the CVPP committee members and receive a "Pass, Fail or Resubmit with Revisions/Clarifications" designation.

New case reports should be submitted in the fourth year of the applicants' cycle in case the report receives a "Resubmit with Revisions/Clarifications" designation. This allows time for revisions, resubmission and final review in order to earn full credit and acceptance.

***c. Submit Continuing Education***

Applicants are responsible for providing supporting documentation of Continuing Education credits earned and submissions must include the following:

- Conference or program name, including date and location.
- Title of lecture, presentation or lab, speaker name and number of hours (be sure to list each topic and number of hours separately, even if given by the same speaker).

Points are **not** awarded for:

- Topics unrelated to pain management, prevention or treatment.
- Topics related to business, communications, management and other non-scientific topics.
- Dinners sponsored by product or services companies.
- Rounds, in-clinic presentations, journal clubs or consultations with specialists.

***d. Write Exam Questions***

Questions submitted from applicants will be reviewed by two CVPP committee members, checking for accuracy, relevance and quality. Both reviewers must accept the question for the applicant to earn points in this category. Questions not submitted in the proper format, will not be reviewed or awarded points.

Additional question writing details:

- Applicants submitting exam questions must have completed the Item Writing Workshop, offered annually via webinar. Please note there is a separate \$75 fee for this course.
- Multiple choice questions must consist of a stem and four options; one correct answer and three distractors.
- Copies of the supporting references must be submitted with questions.

References for questions submitted must include:

- One reference, but no more than two, may come from available literature including peer-reviewed journals or textbooks.
- Citations published within the past five years. Older references may only be admissible if updated information or newer editions of the text are unavailable.

***e. Lectures and Wetlabs***

Lectures and wetlabs must be presented at nationally and/or internationally recognized conferences. Applicants must submit all supporting material relevant to the lectures or wetlabs on pain management, prevention and/or treatment.

Points are **not** awarded for:

- Lectures related to business, communications, management and other non-scientific topics.

- Informal lecture dinners sponsored by product or service companies.
- Rounds, in-clinic presentations, journal clubs or consultations with specialists.
- Lectures given to breeders or the general public.

Other lectures or wetlabs falling outside of recognized conferences will be reviewed and accepted on an individual basis by the CVPP committee members.

**f. Publication Contributions**

Applicants authoring, contributing or editing articles, chapters and other scientific literature appearing in peer-reviewed journals or textbooks are eligible to submit in this category.

Articles not yet printed may be submitted, along with an electronic copy of the acceptance letter.

Peer-reviewed journals recognized and accepted by the IVAPM include, but are not limited to:

- Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
- American Journal of Veterinary Research
- Journal of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia
- Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery
- Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association

Other publication submissions will be reviewed and accepted on an individual basis by the CVPP committee members.

**g. Additional Credentialing**

Applicants earning additional pain management credentials from the following recognized and affiliated organizations may submit (include supporting documentation) for points:

- American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (Board Certification)
- International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (Acupuncture)
- CHI Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (Acupuncture)
- Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia (Veterinary Technician Specialists, Anesthesia)
- Academy of Surgical Research (Surgical Research Anesthetist)
- Canine Rehabilitation Institute (Certified Canine Rehabilitation Assistant [CCRA] or Therapist [CCRT])
- University of Tennessee (Certified Canine/Equine Rehabilitation Practitioner)
- Animal Rehabilitation Institute (Certified Equine Rehabilitation Assistant [CERA])
- Other programs considered upon committee review

**h. Review Exam Questions** (for members of the Exam Committee only)

**i. Review Case Reports** (for members of the Certification Committee only)