DACBSP® WRITTEN REQUIREMENT POLICY


In order to satisfy the written requirement for certification as a Diplomate American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians® (DACBSP®), the candidate must complete this requirement and submit it for approval within five (5) years of completion of the DACBSP program. The candidate is required to submit four copies of their materials to the ACBSP.

**Option 1: Provide Paper Accepted for Publication.**

Provision of acceptable proof of having a paper accepted for publication in a referred and indexed research publication/journal. Acceptance for “consideration to publish” does NOT meet the written requirement.

This paper should be related to the field of chiropractic sports medicine, and must be (or have been) accepted for publication within five (5) years following completion of the DACBSP program.

**Publication Requirements Criteria.** In general, the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians (ACBSP) has recommended that all papers submitted for publication meet the following general criteria of authorship:

- Original Research: No more than 3 authors
- Case Presentation: No more than 2 authors
- Literature Review: No more than 1 author
- Abstract Published at Sports Sciences Symposium: No more than 2 authors
- Poster Presentation at Sports Sciences Symposium: No more than 2 authors

**Option 2: Choose One of Four Projects**

The candidate may choose a written project from the following list of options.

This project must also be completed and approved by the ACBSP within five (5) years of completion of the DACBSP program. All projects must be submitted in standard Vancouver Declaration format (uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals), and will be reviewed by an ACBSP appointed review committee.

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Project Choices and Evaluations Criteria

1. One (1) Literature Review
   a. Evaluation Criteria
      i. Topic is relevant to chiropractic sports medicine.
      ii. Thorough review of subject (all points of view, etc.) exhibited.
      iii. Proper format is used, including an abstract.
      iv. Method of identifying sources and inclusion of material is clearly identified.
      v. Critical analysis of variant material, and good combination of materials is exhibited.
      vi. Clear summary, supported conclusions.
      vii. Properly referenced.

2. Publish one (1) Book or one (1) Chapter in a Book
   a. Evaluation Criteria
      i. Topic relevant to chiropractic sports medicine.
      ii. Appropriate in detail and length.
      iii. Properly supported conclusions.
      iv. Writing is clear and in a professional style.
      v. Properly referenced.

3. Three (3) Critical Analyses of Journal Articles
   a. Evaluation Criteria
      i. Articles must be chosen from referenced publications and be relevant to chiropractic sports medicine.
      ii. Relevance to chiropractic sports medicine and clinical practice must be clearly stated.
      iii. Analysis includes critique of design, variable control, hypotheses validity, subject selection and grouping, statistical analysis and reference choice.
      iv. Discussion includes evaluation of clinical and statistical significance, appropriateness of conclusions and consideration of alternative hypotheses or explanation.
      v. Bibliography is analyzed for appropriateness of content.
      vi. Critique is supported by references that are relevant, current and appropriate.
      vii. Copies of articles analyzed must be submitted along with analysis.
4. **Present Abstract at annual ACBSP™ Chiropractic Sports Science Symposium.** The candidate may submit an abstract from the categories specified below to the ACBSP™ Chiropractic Sport Science Symposium. Submissions must be directed to the current Abstract Coordinator.

Candidates may submit a 250-word abstract to fulfill the written requirement. Candidates have the option to also submit a full manuscript to be considered for the ACBSP Best Manuscript Award. The Abstract Coordinator will send the abstract for triple-blind peer review. This review will serve two purposes: 1) to determine if the abstract is accepted, accepted with revisions, or rejected, 2) to determine a score for voting for abstract awards. Authors must be present for the podium or poster presentations or the written requirement will not be considered completed.

Institutional Board Review (IRB) review is required for a case series, biomechanical analysis, prospective study, retrospective analysis, surveys, or any investigation in which there is intervention in the patient's care. A single patient case study does not require IRB review, nor does a review of the literature because papers included in literature review already have IRB approval. IRB approval can require 30 – 60 days to achieve.

Topics may include a case study, case series, retrospective analysis, prospective study, trends and occurrence rate of injuries in various settings, treatment outcome at events or competitions, or surveys.

The candidate/author(s) will be required to follow the ACBSP format for abstract preparation.

Once the abstract has been accepted and subsequently presented, the author(s) will be considered to have completed their written requirement towards their DACBSP® certification.