



## THE AMERICAN BOARD OF CARDIOVASCULAR PERFUSION

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Dear CCP community,

The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) fully supports perfusionists as the primary caregiver for all perfusion-relevant clinical practice. It is the position of the ABCP that Certified Clinical Perfusionists (CCPs) have acquired and demonstrated through the ABCP certification and recertification processes a validated level of expertise in extracorporeal support across the adult and pediatric clinical space. These clinical practices include CPB, ECMO, mechanical circulatory support, autotransfusion, blood therapies and organ procurement support.

All of the above modalities of perfusion practice are validated as perfusion-relevant jobs by the peer-reviewed ABCP Knowledge Base and by the consensus curriculum developed by the Accreditation Committee for Perfusion Education (AC-PE). Perfusion programs accredited by the AC-PE under the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Professions (CAAHEP) follow this consensus curriculum as a basis for their didactic syllabi and clinical rotation expectations. Further, the CCP credential granted by the ABCP is recognized by many state perfusion licensure boards as the industry standard and clinical threshold for these perfusion roles and responsibilities.

In recent years there has been an emergence of perfusion-related coursework and ancillary certification examinations that are available and marketed to non-perfusionists through national societies and organizations. For instance, and most-prominent, designations such as CES-A and CES-P, E-AEC, and CPBMT are proprietary titles meant to support clinical practices that can substitute paraprofessionals into perfusion-related roles.

The ABCP supports continuing education for any and all healthcare providers. However, until these ancillary certifications are predicated by a process as robust and comprehensive as that required for a CCP, these examinations, and especially the designations granted to those who pass them, are not supported by the ABCP.

The annual survey attached to the ABCP's online filing system has provided invaluable feedback from CCPs exhibiting their perspectives on additional, optional certifications in specialized areas of practice that are relevant and suited for perfusionists. There has been repeated consensus that the community does not deem additional certifications necessary at this time. Please continue to participate in future ABCP surveys and feel free to share this position on ancillary certifications as well as other ABCP position statements as you see fit. Please visit [www.abcp.org](http://www.abcp.org) for these resources in their entirety in an easily shareable format.

Sincerely,

Officers and Directors  
The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion