



The American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians

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 written requirement. Candidates are required to complete the written requirement within five (5) years of completion of the DACBSP® program coursework. The coursework is considered completed when the coursework term of enrollment has ended. The candidate submits their written project to the ACBSP™ home office.

All approved works are expected to contribute to the literature pertaining to sports medicine.

Ethics Requirements. All works must meet the following ethical requirements. Studies that collect information from human subjects must be reviewed in advance by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and receive exemption or approval. If the author is uncertain, the study should be reviewed by an IRB to determine if IRB review is needed. Case studies or case series are exempt and **do not** require IRB review. Case studies or case series do require evidence of a patients’ signed consent for publication. Minor patients must have their guardian sign the consent. If you need an IRB review, please email your alma mater or Christine Lemke for IRB information at christinelemke@scuhs.edu.

There are three accepted pathways to complete the written requirement.

Option 1: Provide Proof of a Paper Published or Accepted for Publication.

Published Work: The paper must be (or have been) accepted by a refereed and indexed scientific journal.

Work Accepted for Publication:

Evidence is required that demonstrates a paper is accepted for publication in a refereed and indexed scientific journal. Acceptance for “consideration to publish” does NOT meet the written requirement.

Publication Requirements Criteria. The ACBSP™ requires all submitted papers meet one of the following criterion:

Research (original study, literature reviews, qualitative or quantitative studies, etc.)	No more than three (3) authors seeking credit for the written requirement. There may be more than five (5) total authors.
Case study/series	No more than two (2) authors seeking credit for the written requirement. There may be more than two total authors.

Option 2: Book Chapter or Book Publication

All books or book chapters will be reviewed by an ACBSP™ appointed review committee to determine the works acceptance.

Project Choices and Evaluations Criteria

1. Publish one (1) book or one (1) chapter in a book
Promoting the highest standards of excellence and clinical competence for chiropractors specializing in sports medicine and physical fitness.



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a. Evaluation Criteria

- i. Topic must be relevant to sports medicine.
- ii. Appropriate in detail and length.
- iii. Properly supported conclusions.
- iv. Writing is clear and in a professional style.
- v. Properly referenced.

Book or book chapter	No more than 2 authors seeking credit for the written requirement. There may be more than two total authors.
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Option 3: Accepted Presentation at a Sports or Scientific Conference, Including the ACBSP™ Chiropractic Sports Science Symposium

The evidence of a qualified presentation must be related to an original work completed and approved by the ACBSP™. **ACBSP™ Chiropractic Sports Science Symposium** submissions must meet the **ACBSP™** abstract guidelines. All presentations will be blinded and reviewed by an ACBSP™ appointed review committee to determine approval.

1. Presentations outside the ACBSP™ Chiropractic Sports Science Symposium must be pre-approved. Authors requesting recognition for the written requirement must be present for the podium or poster presentation(s).

Presentation at an ACBSP Sports Sciences Symposium or other sports conference	No more than 2 authors seeking credit for the written requirement. There may be more than two total authors.
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If a submission has been rejected for reasons other than plagiarism or fraudulent data, the author will be referred to the ACBSP™ Mentorship Committee to assist candidates with the writing process. The candidate shall contact the **ACBSP™** to engage the Mentorship Committee.

Presentations at other conferences may also be considered, including:

Examples of ACBSP™ approved organizations include:

- American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM);
- National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA);
- World International Olympic Committee Congress on Sports Science (IOC);
- American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS);
- National Association of Athletic Trainers (NATA);
- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA);
- American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine (AOSSM).