2021 ASPAN FELLOWS APPLICATION
INTRODUCTION

The American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) is recognized as the leading organization for evidence-based perianesthesia nursing practice. ASPAN is the only professional organization dedicated exclusively to the practice of perianesthesia nursing. The Society serves its members by continually providing the latest in perianesthesia education, research, clinical practice expertise, standards, and advocacy.

Induction as a Fellow of the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses is one of the highest honors ASPAN can bestow upon members. As such, induction as a Fellow of the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses is an honorable distinction that must be earned through hard work, a commitment to professional advancement, and substantive contributions in the field of perianesthesia nursing.

Applying to become a Fellow of ASPAN begins with a self-assessment, detailing examples of work in two of four domains, followed by endorsement statements from past or present ASPAN leaders who will validate the applicant’s experience and achievements. The distinction of being an ASPAN Fellow is more than a credential that recognizes one’s accomplishments within the perianesthesia nursing profession. Fellows also enjoy continued opportunities for professional advancement and responsibilities to further the specialty of perianesthesia nursing through ASPAN and beyond.

To apply to become a Fellow of ASPAN, an applicant must have:

1. Current ASPAN Active (category) membership in good standing for at least the past five years or a Retired (category) member who is currently active on ASPAN committees or strategic work teams (SWT). Current ASPAN board officers or members are eligible to apply.
2. A Master’s degree or higher (Master’s in Nursing preferred)
3. A current CPAN and/or CAPA certification
   a. Current active, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license in the United States or any of its territories, which use the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) exam as a basis for determining RN licensure.
5. A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) that demonstrates
   a. Substantive contributions to perianesthesia nursing in at least two of the following domains: Education, Clinical Practice, Research, or Leadership/Advocacy (see FASPAN examples of evidence**)
   b. Continuing education, training, and experience in the field of perianesthesia nursing either as an active participant or a provider within the past five years; this may include poster presentations.
c. Attendance at the ASPAN National Conference, ASPAN Seminars or Webcasts, and component educational offerings within the past five years.

d. ASPAN Board of Directors/Chair or co-Chair of a Committee/SWT, Liaison experience within the last 10 years.

6. Published at least one peer-reviewed perianesthesia related publication within the past five years or contributions to other publications (e.g., book chapters, non-peer reviewed articles, presentations and other content that has been reviewed by perianesthesia content experts and supports further advances in perianesthesia nursing knowledge, theory and practice.)
   a. A peer-reviewed publication is defined as a manuscript that is reviewed by practice experts who determine if a particular manuscript meets the minimum standards of a publication.

7. Endorsement statements from three perianesthesia professional nurse sponsors who meet the following criteria (maximum 300 words):
   a. Of the three sponsors, two must be ASPAN Fellows in good standing.
   b. The sponsor who is not a FASPAN must hold a current Active (category) ASPAN membership, and be a current/past member of ASPAN’s Board of Directors, an ASPAN Committee Chair, or ASPAN SWT Coordinator.
   c. Each FASPAN not serving on the Fellow Selection Team may write a maximum of two letters of endorsement per year.
   d. Applicants may NOT be sponsored by anyone serving on the Fellow Selection Team.
   e. ASPAN members interested in applying may contact a current FASPAN for advice regarding potential candidacy.

**Application Requirements**

- Submission of all required materials must be sent electronically to ASPAN, date stamped no later than March 1, 2021*
- Submit application in its entirety to: fellows@aspan.org
- Applications must be completed in English
- $200.00 non-refundable application fee (US currency) must be received with the completed application (credit card only)
- $250.00 acceptance fee (US currency) must be received upon notification of acceptance (credit card only)
- The FASPAN inductee is encouraged to attend the 2021 National Conference Inductee ceremony
- $150.00 annual fee to remain an Active Fellow of ASPAN

*Application deadline is March 1st. Late applications will not be considered.