



Colposcopy Mentorship Program FAQs

➤ What is the Colposcopy Mentorship Program?

The ASCCP Colposcopy Mentorship Program (CMP) is a three-tiered educational program designed to improve the beginning colposcopist's skills in understanding the disease process of the lower genital tract.

➤ Why should I take part in the Colposcopy Mentorship Program?

The Society strongly recommends the minimum acceptable training requirements for a colposcopist include completion of a didactic program, a mentorship program, and an examination to document understanding of the principles and management of pre-invasive lower genital tract disease.

➤ Upon completion of the program, will I be a certified colposcopist?

While there is no national certification program in colposcopy, the ASCCP strongly recommends the CMP as the minimum acceptable training for a colposcopist. After the successful completion of the three tiers, Mentee is awarded a certificate of program completion and may apply, if they choose, to serve as a mentor to others.

➤ Who can take part in the Colposcopy Mentorship Program?

The Mentee and Mentor should be licensed physicians or advanced practice clinicians who have attained advanced clinical degrees from an accredited institution and who make gynecologic diagnosis and management decisions.

➤ What is involved?

The program's components are:

Tier 1: ASCCP's Comprehensive Colposcopy Course — This ACCME-accredited basic colposcopy course provides the necessary didactic knowledge. Information about the

course and a schedule of upcoming offerings can be found at <http://www.asccp.org/MeetingsandCourses/tabid/7688/Default.aspx#future>

Tier 2: Supervised mentorship training period, of 12 to 24 months, during which the beginning colposcopist (mentee) performs 25 colposcopic examinations and determines the cytologic, colposcopic and histologic correlation under the guidance of an experienced ASCCP-approved mentor. This portion may be conducted in either a private practice or clinic setting.

Tier 3: Successful completion of the Colposcopy Mentorship Program exam — This online exam was developed by ASCCP in partnership with the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

➤ When can I begin the program?

The **Mentee must** received written notification (e.g., letter by mail, fax or email) from the ASCCP that he/she is formally registered in the Mentorship program, with the application fee paid and waivers submitted prior to beginning the mentorship training period (tier 2). Similarly, the **Mentor must** receive written notification that he/she is approved by ASCCP to serve as a Mentor in the program prior to initiating instruction. **No retroactive colposcopic exams** (i.e., colposcopic exams conducted prior to the ASCCP approval) will be included/allowed as part of the twenty-five required prior to the ASCCP confirmation date.

➤ Where does Tier 2 take place?

Tier 2 may be conducted in a private practice or clinic setting.

➤ How do I find a Mentor?

ASCCP does not find/match Mentors to Mentees but suggests that someone within your practice or local area serve as your Mentor.

➤ How long will it take me to complete the Colposcopy Mentorship Program?

Ideally, the mentorship (Tier 2) should be completed within 12 months, but no more than two years after attending the didactic colposcopy course. After all completed logs and performance evaluation forms are received at the ASCCP Office; an ASCCP representative will review them. Following a satisfactory review of the Mentee's documentation, the Mentee will be eligible to take the Colposcopy Mentorship Program examination. An

➤ My Mentor completed their training over 5 years ago. Can they still be my Mentor?

- Name of sponsoring organization;
- Name of postgraduate course;
- Number of CME (Category 1) hours earned;
- Date of program; and
- ACCME accreditation statement

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➤ What are the objectives of the Colposcopy Mentorship Program?

Upon completion of the mentorship program, the student should be able to:

- Describe the anatomy, cytology, histology, and colposcopic findings of the normal and abnormal cervix, vagina, and vulva (medical knowledge);
- Elicit and document an appropriate history including risk factors for lower genital tract neoplasia (medical knowledge, practice-based learning);
- Define the pathophysiology of lower genital tract neoplasia, including the role of oncogenic HPV in preinvasive and invasive diseases of the cervix, vagina, and vulva (medical knowledge);
- Apply new standards for cervical cancer screening, including HPV testing (systems-based practice);
- Describe the prevention of cervical neoplasia and genital warts using prophylactic HPV vaccines (medical knowledge);
- Discuss the challenges of colposcopy and management of cervical neoplasia for select patient populations, such as adolescents, women infected with HIV, underserved women, DES daughters, and pregnant women (medical knowledge, practice-based learning, patient outcomes);
- Perform appropriate cytologic sampling, colposcopic evaluation, and biopsies (including endocervical sampling), and become familiar with instrumentation and necessary supplies (practice-based learning);
- Discuss the Bethesda System and Lower Anogenital Squamous Terminology (LAST) Project terminology (medical knowledge);
- Recognize the diagnostic characteristics of cervical abnormalities (low-grade and high-grade cervical lesions as well as adenocarcinoma in-situ and cervical cancer) on cytologic, colposcopic, and histologic exam (practice-based learning);
- Interpret and correlate cytologic, colposcopic, and histologic results (practice-based learning);
- Formulate a plan of care for the management of women with Pap test abnormalities according to the most recent ASCCP Consensus Guidelines, and other evidence-based guidelines (practice-based learning, system-based practice);
- Describe treatment options for dysplasia to include cryosurgery and electrosurgical loop excision procedure (LEEP) of the cervix (practice-based learning);
- Summarize and explain the diagnosis and management of vulvar and vaginal neoplasia (medical knowledge, practice-based learning); and,
- Provide appropriate patient education and support for patients with abnormal cytologic screening, lower genital tract neoplasia and other HPV related lower genital disease (medical knowledge, patient counseling).

➤ What is the cost associated with the program?

Tier 1: The ASCCP's Comprehensive Colposcopy Course registration fee is based on Practice Type (Physician, Advanced Practice Clinician), Membership Status (ASCCP Member or Non-Member), and registration date (discounts are applied to 'early bird' registrations). These fees can range from \$895 to \$1,345.

Tier 2: The Colposcopy Mentorship Program Registration Fee is \$135 per Mentee to complete this tier within two years of attendance of Colposcopy Course.

Tier 3: The Colposcopy Mentorship Program Examination Fee is \$135 for three attempts to pass the exam within one year.

Want to know more? Visit the [Colposcopy Mentorship Program Webpage](#) or download the [Colposcopy Mentorship Program Booklet](#). If you have other questions after reviewing the program and forms, contact Lisa M. DeGrave at ldegrave@asccp.org or (800) 787-7227.