

MSKS Examination Prerequisite

Musculoskeletal Sonography

All requirements below must be met and completed prior to application submission. Prerequisites apply to first-time applicants only.

AT A GLANCE

The chart provides a summary of requirements. Please read all notes and documentation requirement notes below carefully and thoroughly before you submit an application.

Licensure / Credential	Clinical Experience	Documentation Required
<p>Active credential or license</p> <p>In a health-related field whose practice is enhanced by, or directly related to, musculoskeletal sonography.</p> <p>Note: completion of an allied healthcare education program alone does not meet this requirement.</p>	<p>Minimum 150 studies</p> <p>Musculoskeletal ultrasound studies within the preceding 36 months.*</p> <p>None of the 150 cases may be therapeutic (injection or aspiration).</p> <p>Clinical diagnostic settings only: hospitals, clinics, private practices.</p> <p>Simulation, volunteer, unpaid, barter, or veterinarian experience not accepted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of current valid license or active credential• Completed attestation form• Case log (150 MSKS studies)

These prerequisite details are for the MSKS exam. MSKS certification also requires the SPI exam. Candidates may take SPI and MSKS exams in any order – as long as both are passed within five years.

* CME note: Although not required, Inteleos recommends completing a minimum of 30 MSK-specific CMEs as exam preparation. Do not submit CME documentation with your application.

DOCUMENTATION DETAILS

What to submit and what to keep on file

License or Active Credential

Copy of current valid license or active credential in a health-related field. Must be current and unrestricted.

Attestation Form

Completed online third-party attestation confirming performance of a minimum of 150 musculoskeletal ultrasound studies within the preceding 36 months. Download [sample format](#).

Case Log

Maintain a case log documenting at least 150 musculoskeletal ultrasound studies performed within the 36 months before application; none may be labeled as therapeutic (injection or aspiration).

Do not submit with your application. Retain for at least 36 months following your exam date; logs are subject to random audit.

Your log must document:

- Date of each case
- Testing area
- Whether the case was clinical or simulated/didactic (note: simulation/didactic is not accepted for MSKS)
- Clinical site name and contact information

IMPORTANT

MSKS is for sonographers.

Physicians and advanced practice providers seeking musculoskeletal credentialing must apply through the APCA RMSK certification. This includes MD, DO, DPM, MBBS, DC, NP, PA, DPT, PT o Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine and Doctor of Oriental Medicine.

GENERAL NOTES

Before you apply

- The name on all supporting documentation must match your application name exactly. If it does not, submit legal documentation of the name change (e.g. marriage or divorce certificate).
- Prerequisites are subject to change. You must meet the requirements in effect at the time of application.
- Documentation in a language other than English must include a notarized translation.
- All submitted documents become the property of Inteleos and will not be returned.

Please be advised that your initial approved application may be subject to a post-approval audit, which may require us to request additional documentation or clarification to ensure the integrity of our certification standards. If then found ineligible during this final review, your application may be canceled with a partial refund offered, and any scheduled exam appointments would then be automatically canceled.

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