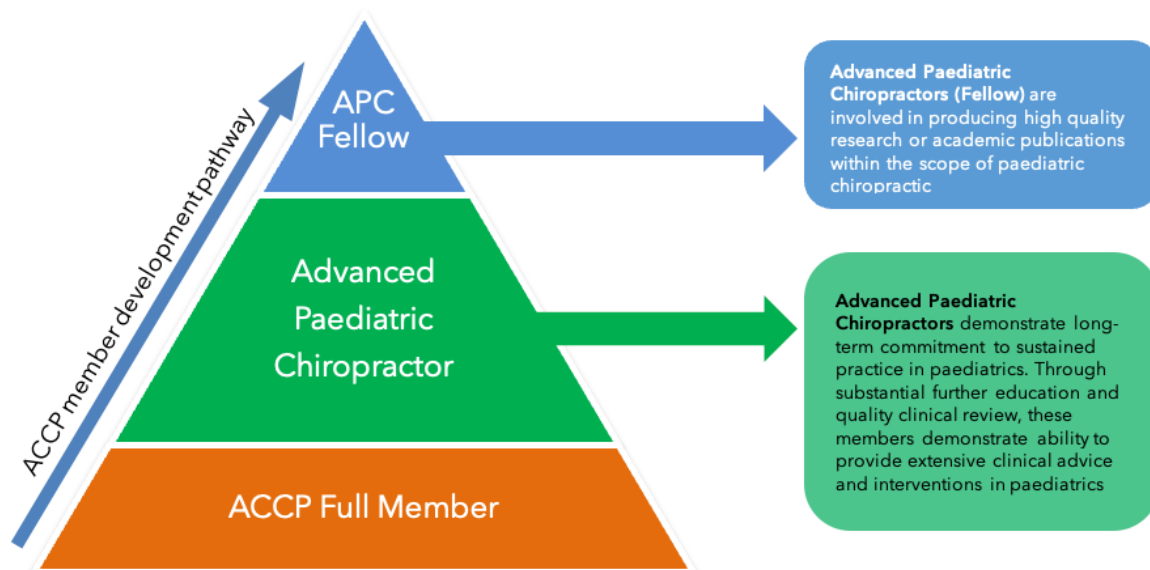


About Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor Practice

Designing pathways that recognize further education and clinical skills in chiropractic paediatric practice is a priority for Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics and (ACCP), and as such, Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor Recognition has been established. This is a development pathway for those members wishing to receive recognition and alert patients, stakeholders and the wider community to the further education and experience they have in the treatment and management of the chiropractic paediatric patient

The concept of Recognition of Advanced Practice is not new. Worldwide there are many medical and allied health advanced practitioner frameworks aimed at recognising advancement in education in a particular field. The Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor Recognition model follows a format comparable to other health professions. Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor Recognition creates a foundation for the profession to further advance knowledge and skill in this field and leads to the creation of a group of chiropractors who meet consistent and transparent advanced paediatric practice standards.

Advanced Practice Recognition therefore has a unique role in creating a culture of clinical excellence in the interests of children, their families, and caregivers. Recognition creates a publicly visible collegial system, signposting appropriately skilled practitioners within the chiropractic profession for peer education, mentoring, clinical advice and triaging complex cases. Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor Recognition enhances searchability for members of the public, other health professionals, third party payers and others to locate chiropractors with advanced paediatric training and an extended clinical scope of practice. This recognition also assists employers in their recruitment process to source independently verified practitioners with advanced paediatric clinical skills.



The Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor recognition is currently the peak level of recognition and is now available for full members of the ACCP. In 2016 the ACCP established a "Course Accreditation Committee" which established minimum post-graduate requirements for courses to gain recognition with the ACCP and for graduates to be eligible for ACCP Full membership. A list of ACCP recognised courses and awards is maintained as Appendix 5 of the ACCP Constitution.

Full membership of the ACCP may be applied for after completion of the following:

- 1. Diplomate of the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics (DACCP)**
 - a. The DACCP examinations are conducted by the ACCP with successful completion gaining the DACCP award.
- 2. Completion of a Recognised Australian University qualifications:**
 - a. Masters of Chiropractic Science (Paediatrics)-RMIT
 - b. Graduate Diploma of Chiropractic Science (Paediatrics)-RMIT
- 3. Completion of a postgraduate chiropractic paediatric program not listed above after review by the Accreditation Committee and Board of Directors.**
 - a. Considered on a case-by-case basis
 - b. Postgraduate studies must meet the course accreditation requirements as defined by the Accreditation Committee
 - c. Course outline and transcript of results are required

Those who have completed the following courses prior to the end of 2015 are eligible for full membership with the ACCP under a Grandfather clause until 1 January 2023.

Documentation of course completion will be required:

1. Diplomate of International Chiropractic Pediatric Association (DICPA)
2. Master of Clinical Paediatrics (MSc Paediatrics) – awarded by Anglo-European College of Chiropractic

Awards

- 1. Diplomate of the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics (DACCP)**
 - a. The DACCP examinations are conducted by the ACCP with successful completion gaining the DACCP award.
 - b. Accredited Australian providers of the DACCP award:
 - i. Chiropaeds Australia
- 2. Fellow of the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics (FACCP)**
 - a. Recognised Australian University qualifications meeting requirements for the award Fellow of the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics (FACCP):
 - i. Master of Chiropractic Science (Paediatrics) – RMIT with submission of publication(s) and/or outstanding contributions to the field of Chiropractic Paediatrics as approved by the Directors.
 - b. Accredited Australian providers of the FACCP award:
 - i. Chiropaeds Australia

Other qualifications may be added to Appendix 5 after successful recognition by the Accreditation Committee

Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor members and Fellows must demonstrate dedication to structured Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as part of maintaining advanced practice.

The CPD requirements for maintaining Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor status are as follows:

- i) 25 hours per year which are on a topic which is directly related to the topics set out in the Quality Practice Framework
- ii) Averaged over 3 year cycle
- iii) Advanced Paediatric Chiropractors will be audited at least once in this three-year period

The CPD requirements for maintaining Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor (Fellow) status are as follows:

- i) 50 hours per year which are on a topic which is directly related to the topics set out in the Quality Practice Framework
- ii) Submission of a minimum of 1 publication per year which are accepted by the ACCP Accreditation Committee. Publications may include:
 - Peer reviewed journal publication
 - Clinical guideline or policy
- iii) 20 hours per year which are involved in the teaching/presenting of topics which are directly related to the topics set out in the Quality Practice Framework.
- iv) The CPD requirements for maintaining Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor (Fellow) status can be averaged over the 3-year cycle and Advanced Paediatric Chiropractors (Fellows) will be audited at least once in each three-year period

Benefits

The following benefits are given for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor recognition:

- A distinct title for professional use. The title can be used on websites, in email signatures and on business cards
- A formal certificate of acknowledgment for the three-year period in which recognition is granted (subject to recognition remaining current)
- A searchable listing on “Find an APC” as an Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor or Advanced Pediatric Chiropractor (Fellow) for the validation period
- An electronic logo for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor. It can be used for digital clinic promotions, on websites, letters, and email signatures
- A physical logo for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor. The logo can be displayed at a clinic location, as an acknowledgement badge
- Access to a collegial network of peers for network building, events, collaboration, professional development, and informing standards and guidelines within the area of practice
- Representation in lobbying work seeking endorsements or recognition for focus area skills in third party programs, regulation, and funding schemes.
- Beyond individual benefits, the recognition process also enables the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics (ACCP) to create reports and summaries on Paediatric Chiropractor skill sets, their application, and the benefits of Paediatric Chiropractor practice for other health professionals, health funds and government.

Advanced Paediatric Chiropractors can seek competitive career opportunities within and beyond chiropractic. Recognition enables associates and contractors to enhance promotion of clinical skills and attributes to clinics while enabling business owners to target recruitment to independently verified practitioners with an advanced scope of practice. For the profession overall, recognition has benefits of building understanding, connection and awareness.

If you apply for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor recognition and are successful, you can look forward to being allocated these benefits. Subject to your continued compliance with the Advanced Paediatric Recognition criteria and conditions, Advanced Paediatric Chiropractors can use their benefits for a three-year period before needing to renew.

Application Process

Applications are made online by accessing the ACCP Full Members page.

If applicants are requested to lodge any components of the application, signed declarations and documentary evidence may be sent to the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics via email: apc@accp.asn.au . In the email subject line, highlight **Paediatrics Advanced Practice Recognition application**.

Applications should be prepared and lodged in a format easy to relay to reviewers. Applicants should prepare their application and once finalised, scan components into a single document for email to the lodgement email inbox featured on the application. Applications lodged in multiple parts will be returned to applicants.

The application process for Advanced Practice Recognition involves:

1. Reading and adhering to the **Quality Practice Framework**. Reading the framework will help you understand if you are familiar with the clinical reasoning areas and skillsets required to be demonstrated through evidence lodged with the complete application form
2. Reading and understanding the application **Terms & Conditions**
3. Lodging the **complete application online** by an application closure date. Closure dates are outlined on the application form pages
4. Paying the **application fee** through the ACCP Online payment portal
5. Awaiting a determination from the Accreditation Committee which involves an approximate six-week processing time



At any point within the application process, you can contact APC Coordinator at apc@accp.asn.au

The Accreditation Committee assessing APC applications will be made up of three ACCP full members with at least one being a Director of the ACCP. Once an application for APC recognition is received the Accreditation Committee will determine if further documentation is required.

Applicants for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor recognition are required to provide documentation demonstrating that they:

- Are a Full Member of the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics
- Have been AHPRA registered as a chiropractor for at least two years
- Have no conditions or undertakings on the AHPRA register

Applicants for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor (Fellow) recognition are required to provide documentation demonstrating that they:

- Are a Full Member of the Australian College of Chiropractic Paediatrics
- Have met the qualification requirements of the FACC award
- Have been AHPRA registered as a chiropractor for at least two years
- Have no conditions or undertakings on the AHPRA register
- Have 2 publications which are accepted by the ACCP Accreditation Committee. Publications may include:
 - i) Peer reviewed journal manuscript
 - ii) Clinical guideline or policy
- Have 20 hours over the prior year which were involved in the teaching/presenting of topics which are directly related to the topics set out in the Quality Practice Framework. A log of teaching/presenting hours over the prior year will need to be submitted with the application.

An appeal regarding the determination of the Accreditation Committee may be made in writing to the ACCP Board of Directors for consideration. Grounds for the appeal must be clearly stated. The decision of the ACCP Board of Directors is final.

What are the application dates?

The closure dates for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor recognition application in each given year are listed below. These dates are subject to change from time to time by the ACCP.

Applications must be lodged by the closure date for consideration.

- Primary intake 1-31 Jan
- Secondary intake 1-31 July

Fees

The application fee for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor recognition in 2024 is \$200. The annual Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor membership fee is \$200 per year. This is in addition to existing annual ACCP Full Member fees.

The application fee for Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor (Fellow) recognition in 2024 is \$200. The annual Advanced Paediatric Chiropractor (Fellow) membership fee is \$300 per year. This is in addition to existing annual ACCP Full Member fees.