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2027-2028 Timeline for Fellow (FOVDR) Candidates

Once your Fellowship Application has been accepted, you have up to four years to complete the certification process. Candidates, whose primary language is not English, may request a two-year extension to complete the process.

If you plan to take the Multiple-Choice Examination (MCE) and Oral Interview in 2028, you must adhere to the following deadlines. Candidates may take the MCE at ANY point in the process once the application is received, but it must be completed prior to scheduling your Oral Interview. Residents take the exam in June.

The OVDRA Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 28 – April 1, 2028 in Bellevue, WA

Applied Clinical Responses (ACRs) and Case Reports must be sent electronically following the process guidelines available in the candidate guide at www.covd.org/fellowship. All documents must be loaded as evidence files into Certemy no later than MIDNIGHT EST on the due date to be accepted.

The normal review process will take eight weeks. If the International Examination and Certification Board (IECB) reviewers request more information (revisions), an additional six to eight weeks may be needed to complete the review process. Please plan submissions accordingly. If you have revisions, email them to Lauren at Cert@ovdra.org

Revision Deadline Policy	If revisions are required, you must reply to the reviewers' comments and questions no later than TWO weeks from the date of the IECB Chair's letter if you plan to complete the process this year. Submit mentor approved revisions in the same way you submit ACRs.
May 14, 2027	If you are looking for immediate mentor assignment or plan to submit by the first deadline, you are required to submit your application one month before the first ACR deadline.
May 31 – June 4, 2027	Resident Exam Week. *Residency Directors/Supervisors will be provided with registration details*
June 14, 2027	First set of Applied Clinical Responses and Review Fee due
August 16, 2027	Remaining Applied Clinical Responses due
October 4, 2027	Deadline to register for the October Multiple Choice Examination
October 15, 2027	All Case Reports due
October 18-22, 2027	Fall Multiple Choice Exam Week
December 13, 2027	Deadline to register for the January Multiple Choice Examination
January 17-21, 2028	Winter Multiple Choice Exam Week
February 25, 2028	All final Applied Clinical Responses, Case Report, revisions, and successfully passing the Multiple-Choice Exam must be completed to qualify to take the Oral Interview at the Annual Meeting in April. All outstanding certification fees must be paid. Deadline to register for the Oral Interview
March 28-29, 2028	Oral Interviews conducted at the Annual Meeting in Bellevue, WA

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