



ORGANIZATION, POSITION DESCRIPTION, AND
PERSONAL PROFILE FOR THE POSITION OF
PUBLIC MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

About VACC

The Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to the validation, through certification, of a specialized body of knowledge for all professionals working in the field of vascular access.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC) is to facilitate demonstration of cognitive competence through accredited certification in the specialty of vascular access.

Vascular Access-Board Certified (VA-BC™) Exam

The Vascular Access-Board Certified (VA-BC™) examination is the standardized measure of the basic knowledge, skills and abilities expected of professionals working in vascular access. The certification examination is offered two times per year via live remote proctor or in-person at testing centers throughout the United States (to include US Territories), Canada, and select international sites. The certification exam is available only in English and all references used to develop it are US based and reflective of US clinical practice.

The certification is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

Upon successful completion of the certification exam, the Vascular Access-Board Certified (VA-BC™) credential is awarded for a three-year period. There are currently 4,470 VA-BC™ professionals.

Practice Settings

Certification through VACC is multidisciplinary in scope and includes the broad range of health care professionals and clinicians actively engaged in the practice of vascular access. Vascular Access Specialists provide care in many settings. Examples include but are not limited to acute care hospitals, outpatient settings, long term care facilities, homecare, and industry. Vascular Access Specialists are also university faculty, administrators or educators.

Candidates for certification include (but are not limited to):

- RNs
- MDs
- PAs,
- NPs
- LPNs/LVNs
- Educators
- Radiology Technicians
- Respiratory Therapists
- Infection Preventionists
- EMS Professionals

Public Member Position Description

The public member shall be a person who represents the direct and indirect users of Vascular Access-Board Certified (VA-BC™) professionals' skills/services. The public member may have been or is a potential consumer of the certificants' skills or services; who has served or is serving in a volunteer capacity; and who is interested in ethical and professional behavior on the part of VACC. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in public policy.

Eligibility

The Public member shall NOT be/have:

- A current or previous member of the certified profession.
- A member of a profession related to the certification that provides complementary services.
- An employer or an employee of certificants.
- An employee of any certification organization.
- Currently deriving more than 5% of their total income from the certified field.
- Derived in any of the 5 years preceding appointment on the certification board more than 5% of their total income from the certified field.
- Worked for or provided contract services to VACC at any time during the 5 years preceding appointment as a public member on the certification board.

Personal Attributes

The Public Member will ideally possess the majority of the following attributes:

- Enthusiastic commitment to the mission of VACC Board and its vital role in representing and protecting the public.
- Demonstrated accountability to a high ethical standard.
- An informed, reasoned approach to complex problems.
- A forward-thinking mentality bringing energy and enthusiasm for new ideas.
- An engaged approach to the boardroom, while serving as a supportive resource and naturally assuming an active participant role even from the very start of one's term.
- A genuine interest in leadership and in the future of leadership coupled with dedication to lifelong learning.

Board Member Role & Responsibilities

- Attend all Board Meetings and conference calls.
 - Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm ET (5:00-6:00pm CT).
- Performs other duties as directed by the President or Board of Directors
- Determine the organization's mission and strategic direction.
- Identify emerging trends in the specialty.
- Design the organization's future through continuous strategic thinking and planning.

- Prepare and revise the strategic plan of the organization; formulates organizational strategies; monitors and evaluates execution of the strategic plan.
- Approve implementation plans and budget.
- Provide proper financial oversight.
- Ensure adequate funding.
- Approve all policies of the organization.
- Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services.
- Select, support and assess the performance of the Executive Director.
- Perform self-assessment of the Board's performance.
- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintains accountability.
- Enhance the organization's public standing.

Why Serve as Public Member of the VACC Board of Directors?

- The opportunity to give back to the Vascular Access profession and have true impact in a field that affects millions of people.
- The opportunity to attain an insider's perspective and directly shape the future of the Vascular Access-Board Certified™ credential.
- A sense of relevancy in a forum where each voice is heard and respected.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should submit the following materials via to info@vacert.org.

- Current Resume/CV
- Letter of Interest
 - Max 1 page indicating why you are interested in the position and the relevant skills/experience you will bring to the Board.
- Three (3) References