



2025 Fellow Forensic In-Service Examination (FISE)

FISE PROCTORING GUIDELINES

ASCP strongly encourages proctoring the In-Service Examination. The specific procedures that an individual program utilizes to proctor the examination is ultimately at the discretion of the Program Director. General suggested guidelines for proctoring the ASCP In-Service Examination are listed below.

For the FISE results to be most meaningful for all fellowship programs, each program is expected to proctor the exam. The proctor may be a faculty member or a designated proctor informed of the guidelines listed below:

- (1) A proctor should be physically present at the test site for the entire exam.
- (2) The exam is closed book with no notes permitted.
- (3) Examinees should be permitted to have only several sheets of blank paper at the start of the exam and a pen. All paper notes should be collected at the end of exam before examinee leaves the room.
- (4) No portable external devices are permitted at time of exam. There is no need for a calculator.
- (5) If personal computers are used, proctor should confirm that no exam information is saved to the personal computer.
- (6) The proctor should be able to see all examinees during the exam, avoiding rooms with individual partitions at individual desks.

Proctoring is beneficial for an individual program by ensuring accurate assessment of fellows. Furthermore, national statistics are more relevant when all programs use proctoring.

To access the examination you need to use the ASCP Online Browser: <http://RISE.ASCP-online.com/>.

A six question RISE Practice Test can be viewed by following this link: ASCPRIsePTEexam.starttest.com. This test includes samples of each question type to verify your computer will deliver the test. We recommend taking the practice exam prior to exam day.

1. Online Browser

The FISE utilizes the ASCP Online Browser, which requires a download of free software from ASCP on all computers used to take the exam. The ASCP Online Browser must be ready to use prior to taking the examination. Fellows will need access to a computer with Windows 10 or later and the latest versions of Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Mozilla Firefox; Macintosh users will need Mac OS X 10.15.7 or later and Safari 15 or later in order to take the examination online.

Additionally, if fellows are taking the FISE on their personal computers, they must download the new ASCP Online Browser to access the exam; please communicate this to those fellows.

For best results use a 17" or larger display at a resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels with at least 16-bit color or better. Before launching the secure browser participants must save their work and close any opened programs. Launching the secure browser may cause other running applications to quit. Once the ASCP Online Browser is installed on your machine, the steps above may be skipped and the ASCP Online Browser may be launched from your desktop.

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To Download:

- Go to <http://RISE.ASCP-online.com>
- Click the Download ASCP Online Browser button.
- Follow the instructions displayed on the screen
- Before launching the secure browser participants must save their work and close any opened programs. Launching the secure browser may cause other running applications to quit. Once the ASCP Online Browser is installed on your machine, the steps above may be skipped and the ASCP Online Browser may be launched from your desktop.

To Take the Practice Test:

- Go to ASCPRISEPTExam.starttest.com and begin the Practice test. You do not need to be a physician to take the Practice Test, it is not scored. If you are able to take the six question RISE Practice Test in the environment that your fellows will be using, that is a good indication they will be able to access the FISE examination.

To Take the FISE Examination:

- Launch the Secure Browser.
- Enter Authorization Number and Web Last Name, which is case sensitive.
- Once the exam is started it must be completed in one sitting.

The 2025 Fellow Forensic In-Service Examination (FISE) is available August 18, 2025 through:

August 29, 2025 11:59pm Eastern Time

August 29, 2025 10:59pm Central Time

August 29, 2025 9:59pm Mountain Time

August 29, 2025 8:59pm Pacific Time

Technical Support:

Technical Support is available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 6:00pm EST. Weekend and after-hours support is also available by phone during the scheduled administrations.

- Telephone: 1-800-514-8494
- International Telephone Support: 1-443-573-8399
- Email: ASCPOnline@testsys.com

Emergency Exam-Day Technical Support

If there is a known technical issue on exam day, Technical Support will post updates at least every 15 minutes to the blog at ASCPsupport.programworkshop.com. Please visit

ASCPsupport.programworkshop.com prior to testing day, and subscribe via text and/or email to receive proactive notifications on exam day.

2. Examination Characteristics

- a. The examination may be administered on any day(s) during the weeks of August 18 – 29, 2025.
- b. The examination is 90 minutes

3. Testing Materials

- a. Blank Paper: **yes**, it is acceptable to bring blank paper into the testing area as long as it is collected at completion.
- b. Calculator: **no**, there is not a need for a calculator.

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4. Reports

Individual score information is confidentially provided to both the Program Director and the Fellow.

Computer-generated statistical and score reports are provided to Program Directors to assess both individual and group performance. Examination results will be issued approximately October 3, 2025 via electronic mail.

Any inquiries, comments or suggestions should be directed to:

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