

Advanced Rheumatology Course: Call for Scientific Editors

American College of Rheumatology Mission:

The ACR empowers rheumatology professionals to excel in their specialty. The ARP, the interprofessional division of the ACR, serves rheumatology healthcare professionals. ARP priorities include providing outstanding educational opportunities, supporting the practice environment for rheumatology health professionals, and more!

American College of Rheumatology Vision Statement:

As the leading authority and trusted partner of rheumatology professionals, the ACR will continually advance the specialty and the future of rheumatology.

ARP Advanced Rheumatology Course

The Advanced Rheumatology Course (ARC) is a comprehensive, 19-module educational series designed for members of the rheumatology interprofessional team and other professionals with fundamental experience(?) in rheumatology, in need of more comprehensive rheumatology education. Use the course to learn how to assess and manage care of patients with rheumatic disease, develop strategies to better integrate NP/PAs into rheumatology practice, and improve access to care for patients. The course has a strong focus on advanced information that will help experienced practice providers function well in rheumatology clinical practice and foster interprofessional **collaboration**.

Brief Description of the Scientific Editor Position

The Scientific Editor is tasked with managing necessary updates and revisions of the 19 interactive activities which comprise the ARC. This 1-year position offers the opportunity to revise and update the current online learning activities with an emphasis on the latest updates and accuracy of existing content. The Scientific Editor is a key leader that works with a small editorial team under the supervision of the ARP eLearning Subcommittee.

Specific Responsibilities of the Scientific Editor

- Chair a team comprised of an Associate Editor, a Managing Editor, and College staff
- Lead the selection of an Associate Editor, one being a rheumatologist
- Gain commitments from authors, as needed and appropriate
- Work effectively with all team members regarding style, content, design, and editing issues
- Maintain correspondence with authors and reviewers
- Serve as final content reviewer before placement on the Learning Management System
- Be accountable to the eLearning Subcommittee who reports to the Association of Rheumatology Professionals (ARP) Executive Committee
- Launch revised activities by August 16, 2026

Associate Editor

- Serve under the direction of the Scientific Editor
- Work effectively with all team members regarding style, content, design and editing issues
- Assist the Scientific Editor to recruit and/or gain commitments from current authors
- Maintain correspondence with authors and reviewers, forwarding communications to the other Editors and College staff

Scientific Editor's Qualifications

The Scientific Editor will be selected based on qualifications listed below:

- Active member of ARP
- Extensive clinical experience as a rheumatology professional Editorial and/or reviewer experience
- Experience in writing scientific and/or educational publications
- Knowledge, understanding and expertise in rheumatology topics
- Experience in educational instruction including online education, course and curriculum development and rheumatology clinical training
- Excellent leadership, communication, organizational, time management and interpersonal skills
- Ability to manage large projects with time-sensitive deadlines
- Ability to commit to the position for a 13-month appointment from July 1, 2025, to August 16, 2026

Honoraria

The Scientific Editor honorarium is \$4,000

The Associate Editor honorarium is \$2,500

Scientific Editor Application

Provide your curriculum vitae and a personal statement highlighting your vision for the ARC and what has influenced you to pursue this Scientific Editor opportunity.

The eLearning Subcommittee will review applications and recommend candidates to the ARP Executive Committee.

1. Provide your name, credentials, title
2. List your address, phone number and e-mail address.
3. Using your CV as a reference:
 - Describe your education and training as a nurse practitioner or physician assistant; clinical experience; expertise in rheumatology; experience in course and curriculum development; skill sets and other qualifications to serve as the *Scientific Editor*.
 - Briefly describe your experience in leading and managing a large project with time-sensitive deadlines.
 - Briefly describe your experience in online learning activities.
4. Provide names of four potential Associate Editors
5. Provide a letter of reference supporting your ability to serve as the *Scientific Editor*.
6. Show support from your employer allowing you flexibility to adjust your schedule to fulfill the responsibilities of the *Scientific Editor*.
7. If appropriate, provide a letter from your employer confirming that there would be no overhead charged or indirect cost for serving as the *Scientific Editor*.

Please submit your application and required documents

on or before Wednesday, June 25, 2025 to:

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If you have any question contact the eLearning Chairperson

