

AFPA and Vital Research Accreditation

AFPA American Fitness Professionals and Associates
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SHIP BOTTOM, NJ – AFPA American Fitness Professionals and Associates has received provisional accreditation through Vital Research for the AFPA Personal Trainer Certification.

Vital Research signifies excellence within the fitness/healthcare education community. It is a seal of approval and strengthens the entire fitness/trainer field by promoting ethical and professional practices. Since 1982, Vital Research has been working with a variety of clients to construct, validate, and accredit knowledge tests, behaviorally-oriented instruments to assess quality, and Certification exams.

Vital Research founders and project managers have served on national test certification boards, serve as scientific reviewers for the National Institutes of Health, serve on editorial boards of peer reviewed journals, belong to the American Educational Research Association, the National Council for Testing and Measurement, and the American Evaluation Association, and subscribe to their standards of test development and use.

Vital Research has the following Certification Examination Accreditation Standards :

- Standard 1.** A Clear and Well-Defined Job Description
- Standard 2.** Autonomy in Certification Decisions
- Standard 3.** A Certification Board
- Standard 4.** A Stable Certification Test
- Standard 5.** Established Certification Policies and Procedures
- Standard 6.** Criteria for Awarding Certification
- Standard 7.** A System for Maintaining Records of Certified Individuals
- Standard 8.** Appropriate and Relevant Test Specifications
- Standard 9.** Relevant and Psychometrically Sound Certification Exam
- Standard 10.** Acceptable Psychometric Procedures for Scoring, Interpreting and Reporting Results
- Standard 11.** Equivalent Forms that are Reliable
- Standard 12.** Defensible Pass-Point Setting
- Standard 13.** Secure Tests, Answer Keys, and Results
- Standard 14.** Established Recertification Policies and Procedures

To learn more about the AFPA Personal Trainer Certification program visit the AFPA website at www.afpafitness.com.