RESIDENCY PROGRAMS
Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences
Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

I. Introduction

Residency programs described are offered by the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences and sponsored by the VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech.

Residency programs currently offered are in the disciplines of Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Neurology, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Radiology, Small Animal Internal Medicine, Small Animal Surgery and Canine/Feline Practice (ABVP).

II. Objectives

Programs will provide the resident with the following:

- Advanced clinical training in the discipline offering the residency,
- Fulfillment of training requirements of the appropriate specialty board leading to board eligibility,
- Teaching experience,
- Opportunities for designing and conducting a research project,
- Opportunities to prepare and present seminars to peer groups,
- Opportunities in scientific writing, and
- Concurrent graduate course work for an advanced degree.

III. Prerequisites

Prerequisites for acceptance into the program include the following:

- DVM degree or its equivalent,
- Completion of at least one year of veterinary internship or private practice equivalent, and
- Admission to graduate school programs of the VMRCVM and Virginia Tech.
- Agreement to the following Covenant Not to Compete, which will apply for the duration of the residency and for 24 months after completion of the residency: During any period in which this restrictive covenant applies, you will not engage directly or indirectly in the practice of veterinary medicine within the geographical scope of the Roanoke Metropolitan Statistical Area or the Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford Metropolitan Statistical Area. Metropolitan Statistical Area is defined as of 2010 by the U.S. Census Bureau.
IV. **Application Procedures**

When possible, application will proceed through the Veterinary Intern/Resident Matching Program ([http://www.virmp.org/virmp/](http://www.virmp.org/virmp/)) as administered by the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians.

The matching program at Virginia Tech will be administered by Department Head in conjunction with the various residency directors.

V. **Criteria for Selection**

Candidates will be judged on the following criteria:

- Letter of intent, with or without statement on contributions to diversity within program/profession
- Curriculum Vitae,
- University Transcripts,
- Three letters of reference through the VIRMP Application,
- Applicants are encouraged to have at least one reference source in the discipline of interest.
- Experience,
- Information from the VIRMP application form, and
- Graduate school eligibility including research experience and research goals.

VI. **Administration of the Program**

The program will be administered by the Departmental under the authority of the Head of Department.

Individual residents will be responsible to a pre-assigned individual resident advisor who will be a diplomate of the appropriate specialty board.

A graduate advisor will be selected. It is preferable that the graduate advisor not be the same individual as the resident advisor although exceptions are possible.

VII. **Evaluation**

**Evaluation of Residents:**

Residents will be formally evaluated twice each year by their individual resident advisors with input from other section members of the specific discipline.
Evaluation will be based on:

- Knowledge
- Skills
- Responsibility
- Attitude
- Communication Skills
- Overall Performance

An example of the form to be used is attached to this document.

Semi-annual evaluations will be returned to and discussed with the resident with copies retained by the advisor and Department Head. Residents will be evaluated annually by the Advisor, Section, and Department for reappointment.

**Evaluation of the Residency Program:**

Residents will be required to provide evaluation of their program following completion of their residency by means of an exit interview with the Department Head.

**VIII. Responsibilities**

**Case Management:**

Residents will function in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital as a clinician under the direction of the clinical section and under the supervision of clinical faculty.

**Emergency Duty:**

Residents will participate in emergency duty on a rotating basis with other residents and interns.

**Rounds:**

Residents will attend, participate in, and lead rounds in the VTH under the direction of their advisor or the clinician on service.

**Seminars:**

Residents will attend the Resident/Intern Seminar program.
Each resident will present 1-2 seminars annually to faculty, other residents, and interns. Specific details are described in a separate document titled Resident/Intern Seminar Program. Presentation at other College programs will be encouraged.

Instruction:

Residents will participate in clinical instruction of senior veterinary students.
Residents may present didactic teaching in the preclinical program of the College. This teaching will be in the form of lectures and/or laboratories and will not exceed 2 lectures during the first year, 5 lectures during the second year, and 5 lectures during the third year of residency for each resident. Residents will function in laboratories as assistants, and each resident will be limited to a maximum of 50 hours of laboratory instruction per year. All requests for resident didactic teaching must be approved by the resident's advisor and assignments will follow the guidelines of the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Continuing Education Programs:

Residents will be encouraged to assist in the presentation of continuing education programs in their disciplines offered by the College. All requests for resident participation in CE programs must be approved by the resident's advisor.

Administrative:

Residents will not serve on policy or administrative committees within the College unless approval is granted by the resident's advisor.

Research:

Residents will design, or contribute to the design of, and complete a research project under the direction of their Major Professor and Graduate Committee. Results of this project will be submitted as a manuscript for publication in a refereed journal.

Other:

Other duties and responsibilities may be instituted at the discretion of the advisor and Section with approval of the Department Head.
IX. **Off-Site Training**

Off-site training is an integral part of the residency-training program. Funds and time off for off-site training will vary and will be decided on an individual basis dependent on funds needed, funds available, and on the training needs in question with approval of the Section and Head of the Department.

X. **Travel/Media Services**

The Department will attempt to provide partial funding for residents to travel to and attend scientific meetings.

Some professional development funds will also be available for media, reprographic and library services. Funds will be administered by the Department Head as available.

XI. **Certificate of Residency**

A Certificate of Residency will be issued when the program has been completed as described by the specialty supplement. Completion of the Master of Science degree is necessary to fulfill the residency program and to receive a Certificate of Residency.

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Resident Evaluation

Date of Review: 
Resident 
Evaluator 
BMVS 6084 Grade 
Select 

Knowledge Select 
Skills Select 
Responsibility Select 

Attitude Select 
Communications Select 
Overall Select 

Strengths

Areas for Improvement

General Comments and Recommendations