

Dear ECVCP resident and supervisor

Welcome to the ECVCP residency program!

As per ECVCP regulations, there are several criteria that need to be met during a residency.

It is highly recommended that residents and supervisors read through and familiarise themselves with the regulations of the ECVCP, as set out in the Information Brochure: <http://www.esvcp.org/index.php/publications/ecvcp-information-brochure.html>

The following criteria must be met before the start of the residency:

1. The resident candidate must have completed either a one-year rotating internship or two years of full-time work in clinical practice.
2. The Training Program must be approved by the Education and Credential Committee.
3. The laboratory where the residency will take place must be approved by the Lab Standards Committee.
4. The supervising diplomate must have active status.
5. The resident must be a member of the ESVCP for the duration of their residency. Please see <https://www.esvcp.org/esvcp/how-to-join-us.html>
6. The resident must register with the ECVCP before the start of the residency period by sending the following documents to the ECVCP Secretariat:
 - a. A full CV, which includes a description of the internship or clinical practice work experience.
 - b. Resident Enrolment Form (<https://www.esvcp.org/docman/cc-forms/347-resident-enrolment-form-2014-doc.html>)
 - c. Proof of ESVCP membership (e.g. PayPal receipt)
 - d. Valid certificate of Training Program approval
 - e. Valid certificate of Lab Standards approval
 - f. List of planned externships
 - g. The resident application fee has been waived (2022-2027).

7. These documents will be evaluated by the Education and Credential Committee, and an official start date to the residency period will be provided.

Externships:

1. The following externships are compulsory:
 - a. Attendance at least one ECVCP Summer School during the residency period. In exception circumstances, the compulsory Summer School attendance can take place between the end of the residency and the exam (but must be completed before the exam is written).
 - b. In-person attendance at at least one ESVCP annual congress during the residency period.
2. Other periods/ types of externships may be declared as mandatory for a particular resident in a particular program. These will be decided on before the start of residency during the application process, by the Education and Credential Committee and will be based on the results of the Training Program evaluation, case load of the laboratory and exposure of previous residents to the various aspects of clinical pathology in their home laboratory. These mandatory externships will seek to fill gaps in the training program and allow the resident to gain experience in all areas of clinical pathology.
3. Apart from the externships described in points 1 and 2 above, supervisors and residents are encouraged to seek out their own externships in the form of online courses, congresses and visits to other institutions.
4. 60 days of externships are no longer compulsory, as of October 2022.

Publications

The resident has to have (1) first author publication and one (1) second publication where he/she can be stated as an author in any position in the list of authors. These publications must be published after the start of the residency period. These publications must demonstrate application of scientific methods on subjects that are **relevant to Veterinary Clinical Pathology**. The articles must have been published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed international journal. Only one article may be a case report with literature review. A What Is Your Diagnosis? Article will not be accepted as a publication as these are not full case reports.

The following documents must be submitted at the end of each 12-month period of the residency:

1. **Annual progress report** to be filled out by the supervisor. This can be found at (<http://www.esvcp.org/index.php/publications/credential-committee-docs.html>).
2. **Activity log**, describing externships, journal clubs, rounds, laboratory duty, research (topic and progress) and presentations over the preceding year. A template for the activity log can be found here: (<http://www.ecvcp.org/index.php/publications/training.html>)
3. Proof of ESVCP membership for that year
4. Proof of attendance of externships deemed compulsory for the residency that may have taken place in the year – certificates of attendance or letters from supervisors at other institutions must be provided.
5. **Case logs** are no longer compulsory, as of October 2022. Resident supervisors have the responsibility to ensure that residents are exposed to an adequate number and scope of cases and are able to interpret results to the level required for a specialist clinical pathologist.

Exam application

Please consult Section 5 of the Information Brochure to ensure that you fulfil the requirements for examination entry.

1. The training/ residency program must be completed (i.e. at least 36 months of training, plus mandatory externships) by 31 August of the year of the exam.
2. As of January 2021, the following amendment regarding publications is in place: The ECVCP Board will permit Board Exam candidates to apply to sit the Board Exam, even if the two required publications have not yet been accepted, effective from the application to the Board Exam 2021. This measure is currently limited to three years (i.e., first-time exam applications in 2021, 2022, 2023). Thereafter the effect of the measure will be evaluated. However, the full Diploma will only be awarded once the exam has been passed and the two required publications have been accepted. These publications must be accepted within 2 years from the initial exam application,

with this date set as 1 March of the year of initial exam application. A failure to meet this requirement will mean that the candidate must rewrite the board exam in its entirety.

3. Applications to sit the exam must be submitted by 1 March of the year in which you intend to sit the examination, as long as your residency will be completed by 31 August of that year.
4. Please consult the ECVCP Exam Checklist for more details
(<http://www.esvcp.org/index.php/publications/training.html>)
5. The Exam Application Form and Program Director Report for Exam Application can also be found here and should be completed:
(<http://www.ecvcp.org/index.php/publications/training.html>)
6. If activity logs have already been approved by the Education and Credential Committee, they do not need to be sent again.

Please send all of the documents described above, as well as any questions to the Education and Credential Committee via the secretariat: secretariat@ecvcp.org.