

Alternative Training Programme in Veterinary Clinical Pathology

INTRODUCTION: The alternative training programme (ATP) is designed to allow veterinary graduates, who are unable or unwilling to enroll in standard training programmes to obtain advanced training in clinical pathology to become eligible to take the ECVCP Diploma examination. The ATP is approved by the Executive Board based on recommendations by the Education, Laboratory Standards and Credentials Committees. The ATP must be approved before the candidate embarks, otherwise completed training time may not be acknowledged.

Duration of Training: The ATP shall be a minimum of 48 months duration accomplished within 6 consecutive years.

Examination: Same requirements as for a Standard Training Programme. Please see the ECVCP Information Brochure.

Definitions:

Primary training laboratory (PTL): An ECVCP-approved training laboratory with an active ECVCP diplomate.

Secondary training laboratory (STL): A laboratory which is not ECVCP-approved training facility with or without an active ECVCP diplomate.

Supervisor: The ECVCP diplomate at the PTL or STL.

Co-supervisor: The other clinical pathologist at the STL or PTL who is not the Supervisor.

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CANDIDATE RESIDENT AND SUPERVISORS

The candidate resident must:

- Be eligible to practice veterinary medicine in a European country.

- Have completed either a 1 year internship program, or 2 years in veterinary clinical practice, or equivalent clinical practice acceptable to the Credentials Committee.

- Spend 100% of his/her working time in veterinary clinical pathology.

- Identify a Primary training laboratory (PTL) and a Secondary training laboratory (STL) (please see definitions above).

- Identify a Supervisor and a Co-Supervisor (please see definitions above).

- Spend a minimum of 22 months training at the PTL, a maximum of 23 months at the STL and 3 months (60 days in total) of externships in ECVCP-approved training laboratories.

- Submit to the College's secretariat the following documents:
 1. A curriculum vitae (CV).
 2. Supervisor's and Co-supervisor's CV.
 3. A letter outlining the reasons/circumstances for designing an ATP, commitment to the programme and career goals following completion of the ATP.
 4. Letters from the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor supporting the application.
 5. The completed "Application form for an ATP approval".