

# Clinical Site Guidelines



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## **CVM 7530 Selective Alternative Medicine Rotation**

- The site must be a public or private integrative/complementary/alternative medicine practice, staffed by at least one licensed veterinarian with certification in one or more of the integrative/complementary/alternative modalities. Acceptable certification bodies include: American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVAC), Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy (AVH), Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine, International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS), and Veterinary Botanical Medical Association (VBMA).
- The veterinarian certified in integrative/complementary/alternative medicine (Preceptor) must work directly with the student and provide ongoing supervision, monitoring and feedback of the student's performance, with learning objectives and assessment documents provided by the college.
- A certification course approved by the above mentioned organizations could also qualify as a rotation. The certification course must be taught by at least one licensed veterinarian. Specific documentation required for a certification course to be approved as a rotation site could include the following:
  - course syllabus
  - reading list for course, including both required and suggested materials
  - course schedule, demonstrating a minimum of 160 hours of contact time
  - qualifications of the instructor(s) (CV, certification, etc.)
- If a Preceptor or a certification course is certified through a foreign certification body, the certification process must demonstrate similar standards as a comparable national certification body or program. If there is no comparable national certification body or program, approval is at the discretion of the Committee on Clinical Instruction (CCI).
- The caseload/activity level must be of an adequate number to provide a rich educational experience and the majority of the cases must include alternative medicine therapeutic modalities.
- There must be the presence of or access to appropriate diagnostic service components, physical facilities, medical records, operational policies and procedures, and animal housing facilities consistent with the mission of the site. If the practice is strictly ambulatory/mobile, there will be an exception made to requirements for animal housing.
- The site must provide a collaborative learning environment with student participation as a team member in the management of the patient (or patient/population), including the diagnostic and treatment plan based on signalment, history, physical examination findings, imaging studies, clinical pathology reports, and problem-oriented decision making.
- There must be reference resources available on-site either in electronic or paper form. If the practice is strictly ambulatory/mobile, reference material should be available in the ambulatory vehicle in either hard copy or electronic format.
- There must be no State Veterinary Licensing Board sanctions against the practice or clinician(s) in the practice.
- The site must maintain a current and clear premise license as required by state or local laws (if applicable).