

Clinical Site Guidelines



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CVM 7550 Selective General Practice Rotation

- The site must be a public or private small animal, mixed, or companion animal practice, staffed by at least one licensed veterinarian with at least five years of experience in practice.
- If the site consists of separate small and large animal practices working in cooperation, it will be up to the site to determine which will be the primary site named in the database, and to determine distribution of honoraria.
- The veterinarian (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.
- If a Preceptor is certified through a foreign certification body, the certification process must demonstrate standards comparable to those of a US 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.
- 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).