

Clinical Site Guidelines



Western
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CVM 7560 Selective Public Policy Rotation

- The site must be a governmental agency or a public or private organization engaged in governmental affairs programs, staffed by at least one public policy professional with a minimum of 5 years of direct responsibility for public policy analysis, advocacy, or both, including at least one legislative session of experience related to: the veterinary profession, animal ownership and usage, or animal welfare and protection, at local, state or federal levels, or any combination thereof.
- The public policy professional (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 equivalent to those of a comparable 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 activity level must be adequate to provide a rich educational experience and the majority of the activities must include public policy related to the veterinary profession, animal ownership and usage, or animal welfare and protection, at local, state or federal levels, or any combination thereof.
- There must be the presence of or access to appropriate computer facilities, research materials, sample communications materials as well as operational policies and procedures consistent with the mission of the site.
- 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).