

# Clinical Site Guidelines



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## **CVM 7564 Selective Research Rotation**

- The site must be a public or private practice, institution or laboratory, staffed by at least one scientist with a doctoral (DVM, PhD, MD) degree that is actively involved in performing research in the areas of basic or clinical science.
- The research scientist (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.
- The caseload/activity level must be of an adequate number to provide a rich educational experience and must be focused on clinical or basic science research.
- At the beginning of the rotation, the student is assigned a small research project, for which the student will develop a specific hypothesis, design a protocol to test the hypothesis, carry out the project, and present the project at a conference, campus presentation, or similar venue.
- The student must maintain a laboratory notebook, documenting the procedures and assays that are performed on a daily basis, as well as defining and explaining the scientific questions that each assay is addressing and the underlying mechanisms by which the assays operate.
- The student may participate in laboratory meetings, seminars, and/or journal clubs.
- 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).