

Clinical Site Guidelines



Western
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CVM 7565 Selective Rural Practice Rotation

- The site exists as public or private practice, staffed by at least one veterinarian who is a member of the Academy of Rural Veterinarians and has at least 5 years of experience in rural veterinary practice. The practice must be in a rural or underserved area serving multiple species.
- The rural 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).