

# Clinical Site Guidelines



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## **CVM 7574 Selective Zoological Medicine Rotation**

- The site must be a public or private zoological medicine practice, staffed by at least one licensed veterinarian with one or both of the following: certification from the American College of Zoological Medicine (ACZM) and/or at least 5 years of experience in practice, predominantly in zoological medicine practice.
- The site must be accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).
- The zoological 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 must be of an adequate number to provide a rich educational experience and the majority of the cases must include zoological patients. The caseload should involve a variety of species. Experiences based on a single species will be required to demonstrate that a variety of veterinary diagnostic techniques will be learned.
- 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).