

Clinical Site Facilities Guidelines



Western
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College of
Veterinary Medicine



Fourth Year Core Clinical Sites

- The site must have a sufficient number of veterinarians to provide adequate supervision and direction for the number of students hosted.
- The site must have no sanctions against its clinicians, practice, and/or facilities by the federal, state, or local Veterinary Medical Board or other regulatory agency.
- The site must have an adequate caseload or number of animals to ensure a rich and varied clinical educational experience for the student in order to meet the educational needs of the course/rotation.
- The physical facilities must provide a safe working environment for students.
- The site must have on-site subject matter experts in the area for which the site is approved to host students; these may be specialty college diplomates, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners diplomates, general practitioners, researchers etc. (see specific Site and Preceptor criteria for each course for details).
- The site must be in compliance with AVMA-COE's **Standard 3. Physical Facilities and Equipment** and must have the presence of and/or access to appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic service components including a pharmacy, diagnostic imaging, diagnostic support services, dedicated isolation facilities, intensive/critical care, ambulatory/field services vehicles, and necropsy facilities as appropriate for the type of practice/facility. Operational policies and procedures must be maintained by the site. Facilities for the housing of animals must be of a sufficient number; and its construction and maintenance must be consistent with AVMA-approved animal welfare standards.
- The site must have on-site reference resources that must be made available to students.
- The site must have diagnostic instrumentation and nursing care for in-patients available and in accordance with acceptable standard of care as defined by current federal, state, and/or local requirements for the practice of veterinary medicine.
- The site must have a comprehensive and retrievable medical records system to support the teaching, research and service programs of the college (this may not apply to some strictly ambulatory practices).
- The site must provide for student interaction and discussion in the work-up of patients, this may including physical examination, diagnosis, diagnostic problem-oriented decision making, and case management decisions through hands-on experiences and discussions with clinicians.
- The site must be an environment that promotes life-long learning.
- The site must be an environment that allows supervision and monitoring of the student's educational experience by the WesternU-CVM faculty and/or staff.
- A designated individual at the site must provide feedback on student performance both to the student and the college.
- The veterinarians and/or staff of the site agree to participate in the continuing education training sessions administered by the WesternU-CVM.
- The site must permit periodic inspection by the AVMA-COE for college accreditation purposes.
- The site must permit WesternU-CVM faculty to perform Safety and Facilities inspections every 10-14 months to assess the safety and adequacy of the learning environment.