DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

Overview

Professional Curriculum in Veterinary Medicine

The professional curriculum seeks to deliver to the veterinary medical profession a student fully prepared to begin a medical career in the arts and sciences of animal health and disease. Emphasis on professional specialization is reserved for graduate programs.

Veterinary medicine encompasses the full scope of the technology of animal health and disease, including the arts and sciences of disease prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and therapy. The professional curriculum begins at the basic level and systematically moves to clinical application.

Graduates are qualified to formulate and implement programs for disease control and prevention in domestic farm animals, poultry, pet animals, zoo animals, fur-bearing animals, laboratory animals and wildlife. They are equipped to administer and advise in public health problems arising from intertransmission of diseases between humans and lower animals and are capable of performing animal disease regulatory duties for governmental agencies. They are also oriented for professional careers in the armed forces.

The degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is awarded to the student upon successful completion of the professional curriculum in veterinary medicine. In addition to the DVM degree, the student must take and pass the NAVLE and state licensing examinations to practice clinical veterinary medicine.

Academic Regulations

Each professional student, upon registering, will receive a copy of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Professional Student Handbook which contains the college's policies on grading, promotion, dismissal, probation, grievance procedures, withdrawal, personal conduct and the honor code. Because matriculation in veterinary medicine is a privilege and not a right, the faculty retains the prerogative to request withdrawal of any student who does not attain adequate academic performance or who does not exhibit the personal qualifications requisite to the practice of veterinary medicine. These criteria shall apply at all times during the curriculum. Academic performance will not be the only factor in determining admission, promotion, graduation or request for withdrawal.

Scholastic Deficiency

An average grade of C and passing grades in all courses in the professional curriculum are the minimal scholastic achievements considered to be satisfactory. When a student's scholastic performance falls below the minimal satisfactory level in any term, scholastic probation may be imposed or the student may be dropped from the professional curriculum or placed on scholastic suspension from the University.

Scholastic probation is conditional permission for a student to continue in the professional curriculum under the conditions of the probation while working to remove any deficiencies. A student's failure to meet the conditions of scholastic probation may result in dismissal from the professional curriculum or suspension from the University at the end of any term for which scholastic probation is imposed. The terms of the probation are determined by the Academic Progress Committee for the year of the curriculum in which scholastic deficiency occurs. A student who fails any course prescribed in the professional curriculum or who otherwise fails to achieve satisfactory scholastic progress may be dropped from the curriculum for cause.

Readmission

A student in the professional curriculum who voluntarily withdraws, or who is dropped from the rolls of the University or from the professional veterinary curriculum for cause, forfeits his or her standing and must apply for readmission and be approved before being re-enrolled by policies and procedures of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

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College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Admission Information (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/admission/college-school--information/veterinary-medicine-biomedical-sciences)

Program Requirements

The professional curriculum in veterinary medicine is a four-year program. During the first three years, classes are scheduled on a semester basis. The fourth-year curriculum consists of 24 weeks of Basic Core Rotations, 18 weeks of elective clinical rotations or career alternative electives, 4 weeks of externship and 2 weeks of vacation. The fourth-year curriculum allows students to choose a species directed career, i.e., equine, companion animal, rural/mixed animal, food animal or a career alternative track.

**First Year**

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Fourth Year

Select a Clinical Track: ³

- Companion Animal
- Rural/Mixed Animal
- Equine
- Food Animal
- Alternative

Semester Credit Hours 48

Total Semester Credit Hours 177

1 Students are required to take 2 elective courses during this semester.
2 Students select 2 courses highlighting veterinary career options in public health & public policy, research, business & practice, lab animal medicine, exotics/zoo/wildlife, and avian/reptiles/pocket pets during this semester.
3 See student program manager for a complete list of courses designated for each track.

Fourth Year

The fourth-year curriculum consists of 26 weeks of basic core rotations, 18 weeks of elective clinical rotations or career alternative electives, 4 weeks of externship and 2 weeks of vacation for 48 credit hours. The fourth-year curriculum allows students to choose a species directed career, i.e., large animal, small animal, mixed animal or an alternative career elective.

Basic Core Rotations ¹

- Small Animal Clinic (8 weeks)
  - Small Animal Internal Medicine
  - Primary Care Medicine
  - General Surgery
  - Small Animal Emergency

- Large Animal Clinic (4 weeks)
  - Food Animal Medicine/Ambulatory or Zoo Med
  - Equine Medicine

- Anesthesiology (4 weeks)
- Community Connections (2 weeks)
- Radiology (2 weeks)
- Laboratory Services (2 weeks)
  - Diagnostics
- Houston SPCA (2 weeks)
  - Animal Welfare and Shelter Medicine
- Specialty Clinical Rotation (2 weeks)

Available Rotations ¹

The fourth-year curriculum includes available rotations in areas such as clinical focus tracking, career focus tracking, and specialty clinical rotations. Students are encouraged to explore these options to prepare for their future careers in veterinary medicine.
Small Animal Medicine
- Dermatology
- Critical Care
- Dentistry
- Cardiology
- Oncology
- Internal Medicine/Canine
- Internal Medicine/Feline
- Primary Care Medicine
- Neurology/Neurosurgery
- Zoological Medicine and Surgery

Small Animal Surgery
- General
- Orthopedic
- Soft Tissue
- Ophthalmology

Large Animal Hospital
- Food Animal Medicine & Surgery/Ambulatory
- Equine Medicine/Ultrasound
- Equine Field Services
- Equine Community Practice
- Equine Lameness
- Equine Soft Tissue Surgery
- Equine Orthopedic Surgery
- Equine Theriogenology
- Small Ruminant Theriogenology
- Dairy Reproduction
- TDCJ

Anesthesiology

TVMDL (Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab)

Ultrasound

Alternative Career Electives

Externship

Vacation

1 All rotations are two weeks.