



Anesthesia, Radiology, Surgery Training Requirement Information for Applicants

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To ensure that Diplomates of the American Veterinary Dental College are knowledgeable in related fields, applicants in AVDC-registered training programs are to receive training in anesthesia, radiology and surgery during their AVDC training program. The specific requirement is documentation of 40 hours of training in each of these disciplines.

When the specialist training is supervised by an anesthesia, radiology or surgery Diplomate who is also an AVDC Diplomate, the 40 hours of training cannot be counted towards completion of both the 40 hour specialist training requirement and the AVDC Diplomate residency training or AP visitation requirements.

(For applicants whose training program has a registered program start date prior to December 31st, 2004, see 'Historical Note', below).

Anesthesiology:

- Up to 8 of 40 required anesthesia contact hours may be fulfilled by attending Anesthesiology Specialist Training modules at the Annual Veterinary Dental Forum. Certificate of attendance is required.
- A minimum of 32 (and optionally 40) of the 40 required anesthesia contact hours are to be spent with a board-certified (ACVA, ECVA) anesthesiologist on the clinic floor. This experience is to include exposure to the perioperative and post-operative pain management of patients. Certification of attendance is required.

Radiology/Imaging:

- Of the required 40 hours of radiology specialist training contact time, a minimum of 16 hours is to be spent focused on dental/oral/maxillo-facial imaging techniques.
- Maximum of 16 hours (no required minimum) may be accumulated by attending the Radiology Specialist Training modules at the Veterinary Dental Forum in which the focus is on oral/cranial/maxillofacial radiography and related imaging techniques. Certification of attendance is required.
- Maximum of 16 hours (no required minimum) may be accumulated by attending Veterinary Dental Forum image reading/discussion sessions that have been pre-approved by AVDC. Certification of the attendance of the applicant is required.
- Maximum of 10 contact hours (no required minimum) may be accumulated as time spent with a human radiologist or dentist that focuses on oral/maxillofacial

radiographs (e.g. visiting a dental school radiology department). Certification of attendance is required.

Surgery:

- Wet-lab courses in oral surgery offered by a board-certified veterinary surgeon (ACVS or ECVS) may be approved prospectively by AVDC as meeting in part the surgery specialist training requirement. The course organizer is to submit the syllabus of the proposed course to the AVDC Secretary, who will forward it to the Credentials Committee for review. The course document submitted for AVDC review is to include the goals, list of lecture/laboratory topics, handout materials, and a description of the facility. Maximum of 12 participants per ACVS-ECVS instructor. Certification of attendance is required.
- Minimum of 16 (and optionally up to 24) of the 40 required surgery contact hours may be fulfilled by attending the Specialist-in-Training Surgery modules at the Annual Dental Forum, by attending the AVDC-sponsored lecture-laboratory sessions at the ACVS Forum, or by attending an AVDC pre-approved course as described above. Certification of attendance is required.
- Minimum of 16 (and optionally up to 24) of the 40 required surgery contact hours are to be completed by participating in clinical surgical procedures performed by an A/ECVS diplomate (the procedures are not required to be restricted to oral and maxillo-facial surgery). Certification of attendance is required.

Additional Information and Submission of the Form:

1. Use the *Anesthesia, Radiology, Surgery Training Form* to record the specialist hours as they are completed. The form can be down-loaded via the link on the *Information for Registered Applicants* web page. The form is in Word format so you can enter your name and the specific specialty electronically – prepare a separate form for each specialty. Print a copy for signature by the supervising diplomate. Keep only one copy of the form for each specialty, and enter additional training periods on the form – remember to obtain the supervisor’s signature each time. Submit the signed form electronically via DMS as described on the form.
2. When the 40 hour requirement in any single discipline has been met, submit the completed form for *Pre-Approval* review, or include the completed forms in your *Credentials Application* package. Include certificates of attendance for pre-approved courses (as scanned images or photographed images).
3. The AVDC recognizes that continuing education programs in Anesthesia, Radiology and Surgery are frequently available, many of which are of high quality. However, AVDC is not able to monitor the quality of such programs, and except as noted above, time spent attending these programs will not be permitted to count towards the AVDC specialty training requirement.
4. Time spent at non-AVDC-approved wet-lab programs will not count for AVDC Specialty Training requirement purposes. Time may be credited if an applicant was engaged in a separate one-on-one cadaver practice experience with the Diplomate before or after the group training program.

5. Except for the specific ACVS and AVDC Forum combined lecture-laboratory sessions described above, lecture time cannot be included for fulfillment of the specialist hours requirement.

Historical Note:

Prior to July 15, 1998, pre-approval review of specialist training hours was performed by the AVDC Training Support Committee Committee. Since July 15, 1998, it has been performed by the Credentials Committee. The Pre-Approval Certificate issued by the AVDC Secretary indicates which Committee performed the review. Pre-Approval certificates awarded prior to July 15 1998 will be accepted by the Credentials Committee at the time of submission of the applicant's Credentials Application package.

Applicants whose training program has a registered program start date prior to **December 31st, 2004**, may elect to meet the previous requirements or the current requirements. The previous requirements are:

The training is to be certified by a supervising American or European Diplomate in the respective veterinary specialist field. This specialist training can be achieved at the hospital or institution of the supervising Diplomate, or in the applicant's practice or institution. Typically, this time is spent working with the specialist while he or she diagnoses or treats clinical cases, and includes opportunities for one-on-one discussion with the applicant. For Surgery, time spent on cadaver surgery under the supervision of an ACVS/ECVS Diplomate is also acceptable.

In addition to time spent one-on-one with a Diplomate in the appropriate veterinary specialty, AVDC permits three alternatives for completion of these requirements:

1. Attendance at the AVDC Specialist Training session (lecture and laboratory) given annually at the Veterinary Dental Forum. These Specialist Training sessions cycle through Anesthesia, Radiology and Surgery in successive years. Time at any of these sessions event will qualify only to the extent that a Diplomate in the relevant discipline was instructing the laboratory. A certificate of attendance at the designated sessions is to be included with the Anesthesia, Radiology, Surgery Report Form.
2. Documented attendance at an AVDC-sponsored combined lecture-laboratory session at the annual American College of Veterinary Surgeons Surgical Forum. A certificate of attendance is to be submitted.
3. Up to 25% of the Surgery hours requirement can be met by training under the supervision of a certified human oral surgeon. (For applicants who started their AVDC-approved program before **March 25 2001**, up to 50% of the specialty training time in Surgery may be completed by working with a human oral surgeon.)