



Information on ADVANCED STANDING for AVDC Equine Certification

Definition of Advanced Standing: Veterinarians who are approved by the AVDC Equine Credentials Committee as having completed sufficient training and experience to warrant by-passing some or all of the AVDC Equine credentials application requirements.

Time frame available: Submission of application and decision on status must be completed within 3 years from the date of AVMA provisional recognition (April 12, 2017).

Pathways to Advanced Standing

Pathway 1: Immediate Entrance to Certifying Examination

Complete waiver of Equine Specialty training program and partial waiver of credentials requirement. Individuals will be required to submit an AVDC Equine Minimum Required Case Log (MRCL) demonstrating breadth and depth of equine dental and general dental experience. The case log is to be categorized according to AVDC Equine MRCL categories, and the case log must contain the minimum required number of cases for each MRCL category. Cases dating from January 1st, 2007 onwards may be used to complete the case log. The case log is to be submitted via AVDC Document Management System in AVDC Equine case log format. Contact the AVDC Executive Secretary (ExecSec@AVDC.org) to obtain a Username and Password to access DMS to create the case log. Eligible individuals include:

- a. Equine Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry (no MRCL case log is required due to AVDC-AVD Alliance Agreement, assuming the Alliance is fully in effect) OR
- b. Diplomates of any ABVS recognized veterinary specialty organization or equivalent relevant to equine dentistry, OR
- c. Veterinarians who can demonstrate extensive specialty-level training in the field of equine veterinary dentistry.

Pathway 2: Credential Submission for Entrance to Certifying Examination

Partial to complete waiver of the Equine Specialty training program. The candidate will be required *to submit a complete credentials package* to the AVDC Executive Secretary to be evaluated by the AVDC Equine Credentials Committee. AVDC Equine Diplomate direct supervision requirements will be suspended for Advanced Standing candidates.

Content for the credentials package can include materials produced from January 1st, 2004 (except that logged cases must be dated from January 1st, 2007). The Equine Training Support Subcommittee (Eq TSS) will be available to help applicants with proper

credentials formatting and is available to review the final credentials package prior to submission to the Equine Credentials Committee. Minimum Required Case Log (MRCL) entries can be completed with cases performed from January 1st, 2007 onwards. If an individual qualifies for this program but is deficient in any of the Equine Specialty credentialing requirements, they will be afforded up to three years starting from the April 12, 2014 date of ABVS-AVMA provisional recognition of the Specialty to complete the requirements. Incomplete credentials applications will be returned unreviewed. If the candidate's credentials application is not approved by the Equine Credentials Committee, the candidate will have the remainder of the inaugural three years (i.e. until April 12, 2017) to submit a revised application. Individuals qualified to submit credentials via this pathway must be one of the following.

- a. AVDC/EVDC resident or comparable who has passed the credentials process and is a candidate for taking the AVDC/EVDC non-equine certifying examination, OR
- b. Veterinarians who have completed the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry Equine Track training program (or the training program of a similar organization), and whose credentials application has been approved by the Academy (or similar organization), and who are candidates for the Academy or similar organization examination, OR
- c. Veterinarians who have been practicing equine dentistry for more than 10 years and who now spend most of their professional time in equine dentistry, and who, by teaching, research, or practice, have contributed substantially to the development of the specialty, or have advanced training in the specialty and have demonstrated competency through teaching, research, or practice in equine dentistry.

To Apply: The applicant must submit an **Advanced Standing Application Form** (available on the AVDC Equine web page), Curriculum Vitae (in AVDC format), and payment of the registration fee (\$300) to the AVDC Executive Secretary for review by the Equine Training Support Subcommittee (Eq TSS). These materials can be submitted at anytime throughout the year.

- The Eq TSS will process applications and generate an **Advanced Standing Status Report** within 21 days. This report will provide the applicant with the Eq TSS's determination of Advanced Standing Pathway status and recommendations for achieving success in credentialing and examination. Note: The applicant will not be required to adhere to the recommendations in the Advanced Standing Status Report, though the applicant should be aware that not following the Eq TSS recommendations will reduce the likelihood of success when submitting a credentials application. The Eq TSS report will be included in the credentials application materials made available to the Credentials Committee.
- Once the applicant has received the Advanced Standing Status Report, the candidate will have until September 15, 2014 (to permit admittance to the March 2015 examination) to submit a complete Advanced Standing Pathway Credentials Application for review by the Equine Credentials Committee (Eq CC).

It is highly recommended that the applicant send a completed Advanced Standing Pathway Credentials Package to the Eq TSS by July 30th, 2014 for review prior to submission of an Advanced Standing Credentials Package to the Equine Credentials

Committee. The Eq TSS will review the package for completeness and make suggestions to complete or improve the materials. The Eq TSS will also review and can pre-approve case log entries (MRCL and 500 Total Log).

If applicants have some materials immediately ready for review by the Credentials Committee (e.g. Radiograph Set, Publications, Specialty hours, etc.), they are encouraged to send these materials directly to the Credentials Committee via DMS for pre-approval review. If a candidate is unsure regarding the quality of the materials, they are encouraged to send them to the Eq TSS via DMS first for recommendations on improvement or suggestions on how to proceed.

Summary of Credentialing Requirements for Advanced Standing

Advanced Standing	Requirement	Materials (All to be in AVDC Format)	Comment
Pathway 1	Demonstrate specialist-level training and experience	CV	
	Demonstrate equine case load and breadth of equine dental experience	Case log containing Equine MRCL required numbers (MRCL requirements are stated below)	MRCL cases dating from January 1 st , 2007 are acceptable.

Pathway 2	Submit modified credentials application package – the Diplomate Direct Supervision requirement is omitted for Advanced Standing applicants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General materials (e.g. Publications, Radiograph Set, etc.) dating from January 1st, 2004 are acceptable. • MRCL cases dating from January 1st, 2007 are acceptable. 		
	Signed Credentials Application form	Credentials Application Application fee	
	Digital head-shot photo	Jpeg professional image of applicant	
	Vet School Graduation	Formal graduate certificate or verification from College	
	Current license(s) to practice veterinary medicine	Copy of current state/regional license(s)	
	Curriculum Vitae	Curriculum Vitae in AVDC format	

	Specialty training hours	Signed Specialty Training Hours forms in Radiology, Anesthesia, and Surgery (Pre-Approval available)	40 hours each ----- Hours can be spent with a Diplomate of an ABVS/EBVS specialty, or with a human maxillofacial surgeon (for Surgery hours), human dental radiologist (for Radiology hours) and/or AVDC approved CE in the relevant discipline.
	Dental Charts	Electronic form of practice's equine dental chart (Pre-Approval available)	
	Equipment List	Complete Equine Credentials Equipment List (Pre-Approval available)	
	Two Publications	Major Publication (A paper on a veterinary dental or related topic containing original data (e.g. a research project or a clinical case series) or an in-depth review article, or equivalent, submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.) (Pre-Approval available) Minor Publication (see AVDC Publication 2014 Requirement document for the various of options to meet this requirement) (Pre-Approval available)	Applicant must be first author. ----- AVDC approved journals: JAVMA, Am J Vet Res, J Vet Dentistry, Vet Pathology, Vet Surgery
	Radiograph Set	Full mouth equine radiograph set submitted electronically (Pre-Approval available)	Intra- and extraoral views accepted ----- All aspects of teeth must be visible ----- Max number views 30 ----- All other AVDC rules apply
	250 minimum equine dental cases	DMS Case Log Total 250 cases required (includes 240 cases from MRCL) (Pre-Approval available)	Must be entered in AVDC format ----- Cases dated from January 1 st , 2007 are acceptable ----- Applicant does not need to log more than 250 cases in total

	MRCL case log (Pre-Approval available)	Category	Total #	Max # cadaver or other species	Cadaver cases need dental chart, radiographs, photos for documentation ----- MRCL completed with cadaver or other species need to be performed with AVDC, EVDC, AVDC Eq, or EVDC Eq Diplomate ----- See MRCL and case logging document for full explanation of appropriate logging
		OM	28	0	
		PE1	10	5	
		PE2	15	0	
		PE3	10	7	
		PE4	5	5	
		EN1	25	25	
		EN2	5	3	
		EN3	2	2	
		RE	12	12	
		OS1	25	0	
		OS2	25	0	
		OS3	5	0	
		OS4	15	0	
		OS5	5	0	
		PR	5	5	
		OR1	32	0	
	OR2	10	0		
	OR3	5	5		
	OR4	1	1		
	Letters of Reference	Two letters of reference		Any AVBS, EVBS, or similar specialist can write letters for the first three years ----- After 2017, need supervisor AVDC Eq Dip and another diplomates as per current AVDC rec.	
	Seven-Case Documentation	Complete case documentation for 1 case from each category in MRCL case log		Cases to be selected by Eq Credentials Committee Chair once Credentials Package Received ----- Required material is to be submitted within two weeks from time of request	

This document is a summary of the requirements for Advanced Standing. There is additional documentation for each individual requirement to help applicants in the process. In addition, the TSS Chair, Edward Early, can be contacted at etearley@laurelhighland.com for further direction.

Thank you for your interest in the AVDC Equine Dental specialist certification process!