



# Anesthesia, Radiology, Surgery Training Hours Requirement

*Items shown in underlined italic font are available on the AVDC® web site, by links from the *Information for Registered Residents* page unless otherwise stated.*

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## **Specifics of Specialty Training Requirements**

### **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, CE lectures or virtual content. Certification 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.
- Up to 4 hours of Advanced Imaging (cone beam CT, CT, MRI, etc) can be satisfied with CE content provided by an OMFS Fellow. Taken from the 2022 Changes Document, up to 16 of 40 hours can be fulfilled by SIT content at the Forum, CE lectures, and/or virtual content. Certification of attendance is required.
- Maximum of 16 hours (no required minimum) may be accumulated by attending the Radiology Specialist Training modules at the Veterinary Dental Forum, Veterinary Dental Forum image reading/discussion sessions that have been pre-approved by AVDC®, CE lectures or virtual content. Certification of attendance 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:**

- Up to 20 hours spent with an OMFS Fellow can count toward SIT surgery specialty hours. Certification of attendance is required.
- Up to 8 of 40 hours can be fulfilled by SIT content at the Forum, CE lectures, and/or virtual content. The surgery SIT module at the VDF must include a hands-on wet-lab

portion. Residents must attend the whole module. Certification of attendance is required. Only 8 total hours may be fulfilled with wet-lab participation.

- Participating (observation or active involvement) in any clinical surgeries performed by an ACVS/ECVS diplomate, or oral/maxillofacial surgeries performed by a board-certified MD or DDS/DMD oral/maxillofacial surgeon, or cadaver practice under the direct supervision of a Surgery diplomate. (A maximum of 16 hours may be claimed for human surgery observation.) Participation in veterinary oral/maxillofacial surgery is strongly encouraged. In order to obtain the maximum benefit from working with the surgeon during clinical case observation, the resident must review and discuss with the surgeon preoperative testing including images, histopathology reports, blood work etc., and must also discuss with the surgeon peri-operative and operative decision making, postoperative care and follow-up.

For Veterinary Dental Forum Specialist-in-Training hours or AVDC®-approved course hours, an attendance certificate is required. For Surgery Specialist Hours completed as clinical surgical observation or cadaver practice under the supervision of a Surgery diplomate, the AVDC® Specialist Hours Form CRED 500 ARS, completed legibly by the attending board-certified surgeon or human oral surgeon, is required; multiple forms can be used.

\* Wet-lab courses in oral/maxillofacial surgery offered by an ACVS/ECVS diplomate may be approved prospectively by AVDC®. To obtain AVDC® pre-approval, the course organizer is to submit the syllabus of the proposed course to the AVDC® Executive 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. The maximum number of participants per ACVS-ECVS diplomate instructor is 12. ACVS/ECVS diplomate signed certification of attendance is required. Only 8 total hours may be fulfilled with wet-lab participation.

### **Additional Information**

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.

1. 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.
2. 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

The requirements listed above are the current AVDC® requirements. There have been changes made over the years in the requirements for Specialty Training, and residents whose program was registered prior to a Major change being made are not required to meet requirements that were changed following registration of their program. For details of the historical record of changes to determine what requirements apply to a particular resident, check the annual Changes documents, which are available on the [resident resources](#) page.

## Additional Information and Submission of the Specialty Training Form

1. Use the CRED 500 ARS [Anesthesia, Radiology, Surgery Training Record](#) to document the specialist hours as they are completed. The form can be downloaded 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 submit the completed forms in a Specialty Hours document at the same time you submit your *Credentials Application* document. Include certificates of attendance for pre-approved courses (as scanned images or photographed images).
3. Remember to complete the CRED 510 ARS [Anesthesia, Radiology, Surgery - Training Hours Submission Form](#) and to upload it to the Specialty Hours document before submitting the document – the document will not be reviewed if this form is not attached to the DMS document.

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