

## Consecutive Diploma Program

For those NSS, SA, or EQ diplomates whose workload and professional interest make a dual diploma (SA and EQ) advantageous, below are the requirements to credential for the track of interest. Once the initial (NSS, SA, or EQ) diploma has been earned, the diplomate works to meet the following pre-set standards for case log requirements and other activities relevant to the 'additional' species track via an Equine or Small Animal *approved residency program* for the track of interest at an *approved residency site*. The respective SA or EQ Credentials Committee will review the credentials package, and if approved, the diplomate would be permitted to take the AVDC certifying examination in the 'additional track'. If s/he passes the examination, s/he will be board-certified in the additional track. Part-time residencies are not allowed in the consecutive diploma program.

### Requirements for Additional SA or Equine Credentials Submission:

\*\*Only fully recognized AVDC Diplomates in either SA or Equine may apply. \*\*

Required Categories	Equine AVDC	SA AVDC
Mentor	AVDC EQ Diplomate	AVDC SA or NSS Diplomate
Clinical time requirements	<p><b>52 direct supervision weeks:</b> -46 wks. AVDC EQ mentor -6 wks. any AVDC/EVDC EQ Dip</p> <p><b>78 weeks total clinical weeks (EQ)</b></p> <p>Time to meet requirements: 2 yr. minimum; 6 yr. maximum</p>	<p><b>52 direct supervision weeks:</b> -46 wks. AVDC SA/NSS mentor -6 wks. any AVDC/EVDC NSS/SA Dip</p> <p><b>78 weeks total clinical weeks (SA)</b></p> <p>Time to meet requirements: 2 yr. minimum; 6 yr. maximum</p>
Specialty training hours	40 hours EQ (LA) Anesthesia	40 hours SA Anesthesia
Dental charts (part of Residency Site Application)	Electronic form of practice's equine dental chart	Electronic form of practice's feline and canine dental chart
Equipment List (part of Residency Site Application)	Complete Equine Credentials Equipment List	Complete SA Credentials Equipment List
Publication (must be a new publication not used for previous credentials package)	1 First Publication	1 First Publication

Radiology Set (approved in first year of residency)	Full mouth equine radiograph set submitted electronically	Full mouth canine and feline radiograph sets submitted electronically
Case Log (see Table 1)	176 MRCL	168 MRCL

MRCL Category	EQ Consecutive MRCL	SA Consecutive MRCL
OM	28	20
PE1	5	14
PE2	15	20
PE3	3 (1 EQ in vivo or cadaver allowed)	5
PE4	0	5
EN1	5 (EQ in vivo or cadaver)	20
EN2	2 (EQ in vivo or cadaver)	3
EN3	0	2
RE	5 (EQ in vivo or cadaver)	7
OS1	25	15
OS2	25	25
OS3	5 (EQ in vivo or cadaver)	6
OS4	15 (5 must be sinus flaps; 1 must be rostral maxillectomy/mandibulectomy)	5
OS5	No Longer Required	No Longer required
PR	No Longer Required	5
OR1	32	10
OR2	10	4
OR3	1 (Eq in vivo or cadaver)	1 (cadaver not allowed)
OR4	No longer Required	1 (cadaver not allowed)
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>168</b>

(PE 3, EN1, EN2, RE, OS3, OS4 Were modified for follow current equine Case logs)

\*Cadaver Cases can be utilized to fill gaps in the training program. Please see the Cadaver use rules in the 2023 changes document and the Cadaver form. No Cadaver cases can be utilized in the OM category and no more than 50% of any Category can be Cadaver cases.

The respective specialty track Credentials Committee will be responsible for reviewing the Diplomate's credentials package.

**Suggested Certifying Examination Requirements for Consecutive Diploma:**

Same as current AVDC certifying examination requirements for the respective specialty track.

## Combined Residency Program

Residents are registered in both the Equine and the Small Animal residency tracks at the same time at an Equine and Small Animal *approved residency site*. In this combined pathway, the training program requirements for the Equine and SA diplomas occur at the same time, and the resident's credential package for Equine and SA are submitted simultaneously. Both the SA and EQ Credentials Committee review the credentials package in a joint manner. A review subcommittee will be made of 2 small animal and 2 equine Diplomates, and the Chairs of the respective Committees will work cooperatively to move materials to the subcommittees and make final decisions. Species-specific material will be reviewed by the respective species Diplomates in the subcommittees. All four members of the subcommittee and the respective Credentials Chairs will review the entirety of the package for a final credentials decision. A similar joint Training Support Committee will review annual reports.

If a resident decides to quit the dual program and transfer to a single-track program, all requirements for that track will apply. Species-specific cases and materials can be transferred and counted for the single-track program as long as they comply with all written standards for that species-specific program. The items already pre-approved will be transferred, and species specific MRCL time limits will apply to log entries. Part-time residencies are not allowed in the combined residency program.

### Requirements for Combined Residency Credentials Submission:

Required Categories	COMBINED Residency Proposal
Mentor	<p><b>One mentor (double boarded Diplomate)</b>            AVDC NSS/SA and AVDC-Equine Diplomate</p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Two mentors</b>            1 AVDC SA/NSS Diplomate            1 AVDC-Equine Diplomate</p>
Full-time Residency	<p><b>Total direct supervision weeks:</b>            104weeks            -35wks AVDC Eq mentor            -35wks SA/NSS mentor            -34weeks any AVDC/EVDC/NSS/SA/Eq Dip</p> <p><b>Total clinical weeks:</b>            156 weeks (additional 26 weeks unsupervised work)            -13 wks. Equine            -13 wks. SA</p> <p>4 yr. minimum; 7 yr. maximum</p>

Internship	1-year small animal and 1-year equine internship  OR  Minimum 3 years of mixed animal practice experience or similar  OR  Equivalent experience
Specialty training hours	40 hours Radiology 24 hours SA Anesthesia 24 hours LA Anesthesia 24 hours SA Surgery 24 hours LA Surgery
Dental Charts (part of Residency Site Applications)	Electronic form of practice's feline, canine and equine dental chart
Equipment List (part of Residency Site Application)	Complete Credentials Equipment List that meets the guidelines for both Equine and NSS Tracks
Publications	Two First Publications
Radiology Set (all need to be approved in first year of residency)	Full mouth equine, canine and feline radiograph set submitted electronically
Case Log (see <b>Table 2</b> )	392 MRCL

### Suggested Certifying Examination Requirements for Combined Residency:

- AVDC certifying examinations for both the SA and Equine tracts will need to be taken in separate years.

- For each certifying examination track, the same current AVDC certifying examination requirements apply.

MRCL Category	Total number	Equine Cases Required *Number of cadavers allowed is denoted	NSS/SA Cases Required * See MRCL instructions for cadaver use
	OM*	48	28
PE1	19	5 * (5 eq cadavers)	14
PE2	35	15	20
PE3	15	5 * (2 Eq cadavers)	10
PE4	10	2 * (2 Eq cadavers)	8
EN1	34	9 * (9 Eq cadavers)	25
EN2	7	3 * (3 Eq cadavers)	4
EN3	3	1 * (1 Eq cadaver)	2
RE	12	2 * (2 Eq Cadaver)	10
OS1	40	25	15
OS2	65	25	40
OS3	11	5 * (5 Eq Cadavers)	6
OS4	19	14 (5 Must be sinus flaps)	5
PR	10	Not Required	10
OR1*	42	32	10
OR2*	14	10	4
OR3	6	2 * (2 Eq Cadavers)	4
OR4	2	Not Required	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>183 (31 Eq cadavers maximum)</b>	<b>209 (30 NSS/SA Cadavers)</b>

**TABLE 2: MRCL requirement for COMBINED Residency.**

\*Category where no cadaver/other species cases are allowed.

MRCL Guidelines:

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1. There can be no double counting of cases between species or categories.
2. Unless otherwise stated, all MRCL rules for the Equine and SA tracts apply.
3. There are a minimum number of cases for Equine and SA per category for the Combined Residency MRCL. For categories (PE1, PE3, PE4, EN1, EN2, EN3, RE, OS3, OS4, PR, OR3, OR4) where the minimums for Equine and SA don't add up to the required final number,

equine cadavers (required for EN1, EN2, OS3 OS4), other species, or additional in vivo Equine/SA cases can be utilized to reach the final required number.

4. Cadaver Cases can be utilized to fill gaps in the training program. Please see the Cadaver use rules in the 2023 changes document and the Cadaver form. No Cadaver cases can be utilized in the OM category and no more than 50% of any Category can be Cadaver cases. 30 NSS/SA Cadavers maximum plus what is allowed in the equine case logs. Remember whenever a live case can be utilized please do so.
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