



## 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. 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 resident 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:**

A minimum of 40 hours of surgery specialist (ACVS/ECVS) contact time is required. This requirement may be satisfied by any combination of the following:

- Attending the Specialist-in-Training Surgery modules at the Annual Veterinary Dental Forum.
- Attending any AVDC pre-approved lecture/wet laboratory course in oral/maxillofacial surgery as described below\*,
- 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, post-operative 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, 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.

### **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 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 at the top of the Information for Registered Residents web page.

### **Additional Information and Submission of the Specialty Training 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 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 Specialty Hours Training 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. The blank Submission Form is available via a link in the Information for Registered Residents web page and via a link above the wide blue line in the Specialty Hours document.

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