Dear Colleagues:

The Residency Training Standards have been updated for 2014. Any additions or changes made have been highlighted within the document in yellow and are also outlined below.

This most current version of the document applies to all Residents and Mentors, regardless of when training may have begun. We recognize that changing requirements after a Training Plan has been accepted and training is underway may create challenges for the Mentor and Resident. However, it is very difficult for the committees to monitor the progress of all residents using multiple versions of the Training Standards. If you have already started training and are unable to comply with any of the changes outlined in this document you may petition the Credentials Committee for an exception.

2014 Residency Standards, page 8:

Term of Residency Training: a resident must be engaged in a residency training program for a minimum of 36 months (24 months for fellows), and must actively participate in the program for a minimum of 138 weeks (92 weeks for fellows). Prolonged leaves of absence must be approved by the Residency Training Committee. A Resident must complete all Training Requirements and submit final Credentials for the Certifying Examination within six (6) years of beginning their Residency. At the end of that time, the Resident must either start afresh (receiving no credit for previous residency training) or apply to the ACVECC Executive Secretary for an extension. Extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Credentials Committee. If the request for an extension is denied, that decision may be appealed to the Appeals Committee.

2014 Residency Standards, page 15:

Procedure for the reactivation of the Candidate, credentialed prior to 2009, whose credentials expired before s/he passed the certifying examination who wish to take the ACVECC Certifying Examination: The following are the required actions and documentation to be submitted to the Executive Secretary’s Office on January 15th of the year that the Candidate wishes to take the Certifying Examination:

1. A cover letter outlining the reasons that s/he wishes to sit for the ACVECC Certifying Examination and a description of his/her clinical practice for the preceding 3 years.
2. An Advisor Agreement (available at www.acvecc.org) signed by an Advisor to the Candidate who:
   a. will assist the candidate in the preparation for the exam
   b. will certify the completion of the benchmarks by the Candidate (see below)
   c. is a Diplomate of the ACVECC
   d. is chosen by the candidate (i.e. previous mentor, co-worker) or assigned by the Credentials Committee Chair

3. Documentation of 50 continuing education hours pertaining to emergency and critical care in the past 3 years.

4. Completion of the preceding 3 years of benchmarks (6 separate documents) that are distributed by the Residency Training Committee. Completion must be confirmed in writing by the Advisor, as in 2.b above.

5. 3 letters of recommendation, one of which must come from the Candidate’s Advisor. The standard ACVECC Recommendation form must be used.

If the above is received and approved by the Credentials Committee, then the Candidate will be considered credentialed with all the rights and privileges that are afforded all other Credentialed Candidates. Please contact the Executive Secretary’s office with questions.

Jamie M. Burkitt Creedon, DVM, DACVECC
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