



American College of Veterinary Surgeons Educational Partners Program

Purpose: To form educational partnerships between the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) and non-commercial providers of educational programs or other continuing education (CE) opportunities.

Criteria: ACVS educational partnerships may be established between the ACVS and non-commercial entities dedicated to providing high-quality educational programs if the following criteria are met:

1. The organization must have as its primary mission the provision of high-quality education that is beneficial to ACVS residents and Diplomates.
2. The organization must be non-commercial. Entities marketing products for sale are not eligible for educational partnerships.

Mechanism:

Continuing education providers interested in developing an educational partnership with ACVS must submit a written request to the ACVS Board of Regents (BOR). The request must include:

1. Why they are interested in developing an educational partnership.
2. Documentation that their primary mission is the provision of educational programs.
3. Documentation that the educational program(s) they provide is of high-quality.
4. Verification that they are a non-commercial organization, such as an educational foundation with non-profit IRS status.
5. A detailed description of the educational program(s) (e.g., course, laboratory, webinar) proposed to be sanctioned by ACVS. Include an explanation of how the educational program(s) will benefit ACVS residents and Diplomates; criteria for participation; frequency of offering and dates (if available); location(s); registration fees, if any; CE credits available, if applicable; and what, if any, commercial sponsorship by other organizations is associated with the educational program(s).

The ACVS BOR will refer the request to the Directors of the ACVS Continuing Education Committee and the ACVS Resident Credentialing Committee, who will work with their Assistant Directors, to 1) determine if the required criteria for

Educational Partners are met, 2) determine if the proposed educational partnership is of benefit to ACVS residents and Diplomates, 3) ensure that the proposed educational partnership does not interfere or conflict with educational programs provided by ACVS, and, 4) verify that the educational program(s) provided by the requestor is of sufficient quality.

The Directors of the ACVS Continuing Education Committee and the ACVS Resident Credentialing Committee will communicate their findings in writing to the ACVS BOR for review. The BOR may approve the request, deny the request, or recommend that the request be revised and resubmitted. The term for Educational Partners is three (3) years. Requests for renewal must be submitted to the BOR 60 days prior to the term expiring.

Potential benefits to ACVS:

1. Access for its residents and Diplomates to high-quality educational programs currently available through experienced educational program providers outside the ACVS.
2. Educational partnerships may provide motivation for experienced educational program providers to establish new courses, laboratories, or educational modules of benefit to ACVS residents and Diplomates.
3. Experienced educational program providers may develop educational modules that could be made available to all ACVS residents as part of their training and preparation for the Phase I and Phase II examinations.
4. Improved consistency of education offerings used for resident training.
5. Association of ACVS with providing the highest level educational programs, in alignment with the ACVS constitutional Mission and Objectives.

Potential benefits to Educational Partners:

1. Access to ACVS resident and Diplomate mailing lists to support marketing of the Partner's educational programs sanctioned by ACVS.
2. Access to expert ACVS Diplomates who may participate in the Partner's educational programs.
3. Priority placement of listing of sanctioned educational programs on the ACVS website.
4. ACVS publication of Educational Partners Program and active Educational Partners, including contributions to current resident and Diplomate education programs.
5. ACVS designation of educational program as sanctioned by ACVS Educational Partners Program.
6. ACVS recognition of Educational Partners at the ACVS Surgery Summit.