



Equine Veterinary Practice Certificate Program

Starting with the class of 2026

Introduction

The Equine Veterinary Practice Certificate (EVPC) program is tailored for current Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) students, aiming to equip them with the essential skills needed to excel as equine practitioners. This program seeks to bolster students' confidence and expertise in the field. Designed to enhance technical skills, knowledge base, and communication abilities, the EVPC offers a comprehensive foundation for a successful career in equine veterinary practice from the moment students graduate. Our primary mission is to provide robust training opportunities for veterinary students who have a keen interest in pursuing a career in equine veterinary practice.

Benefits

Students will have a well-defined pathway to successful training through the completion of complementary coursework and experiential learning, developing a wide array of skills and aptitude for veterinary practice in equine settings.

Enhance student confidence and prepare them for future success in the field.

Provide a concise, transparent method for new graduates to communicate their training to prospective employers and allow employers to easily identify students with skills necessary for practice success.

To complete the certificate program, students must:

1. Complete the required number of core and elective courses with a minimum grade of "B" in each course.
2. Complete a list of required and optional procedures to master in preclinical years and the fourth year.

3. Present a college-wide seminar during VCS 923 Advanced Equine Studies.
4. Create an e-newsletter targeted towards horse owners and clients.
5. Be a member of at least one equine veterinary professional or student association.

Core courses (7 credits):				
Course	Course Title	Credit Hour	Years Offered	Semester offered
VCS 892 E	Pre-Clinical Mentorship – Equine Emphasis	1 credit	1st/2nd/3rd	Summer, Fall, Spring
VCS 921	Clinical Equine Theriogenology	2 credits	4th	Summer, Spring
VCS 923	Advanced Equine Studies	4 credits	4th	Fall
Elective courses (must take 5 credits)				
VCS 891 R	Learning Curve of Equine Practice	1 credit	1st/2nd/3rd	Fall
VCS 891 D	Topics Equine Podiatry	1 credit	3rd	Fall
VCS 892 A	Equine Lameness	1 credit	3rd	Spring
VCS 891 Q	Equine Medicine Elective	1 credit	3rd	Spring
VCS 901	Externship – Dodge City Rodeo	1 credit	4th	Summer
VCS 901	Externship – GPVEC – Equine Dental	1 credit	4th	Spring
VCS 901	Externship - Equifest	1 credit	4th	Spring
VCS 901	Externship – Equine Emphasis	2 credits	4th	Summer, Fall, Spring
VCS 925	Supplemental Equine Studies	2 credits	4th	Summer, Fall, Spring
Students must also complete the Optional Advanced Equine Skills Lab in VCS 876 Applied Large Animal Clinical Skills (Spring 3rd Year).				
Core experiences (must complete all)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete required procedures from a list of options in preclinical labs and 4th year rotations • Complete a list of elective and 2d year tasks to master in preclinical years and fourth during labs or mentorship 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College-wide seminar presentation • Create an e-newsletter • Be a member of at least one equine veterinary professional or student association. 		

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