

## **Veterinary Residency in Equine Practice**

### **Job Description**

Department of Large Animal Clinical sciences  
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences is seeking applicants for a residency position within our American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) residency program. This residency will be in Equine Practice.

The residency program provides two years of clinical training in many phases of equine practice. The guidelines and requirements of the residency program are designed to meet the credentialing requirements as set forth by the ABVP to sit for the certification examination in the Equine Practice category after completion of the residency period. Specific requirements for residents and credentialing application for the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners can be viewed at their website ([www.ABVP.com](http://www.ABVP.com)).

The successful candidate for residency will participate in patient care predominantly through the activities of the equine primary care services (ambulatory and in-house) where the caseload is similar to that of a general equine practice, and there will be an emphasis on equine dentistry (primary dental care, dental consultation for other hospital services, and management of referral dental cases). Opportunities also exist for the resident to participate with in-house clinical services and private practices in order to broaden case management experiences. Prerequisites include a DVM, VMD, or equivalent degree, and a one-year internship or one-year of practice experience.

A two year program begins July 15, 2019 and concludes July 14, 2021.

### **Objectives:**

- To provide the resident with advanced clinical training for general equine practice, with emphasis on equine dentistry.
- To allow the resident to fulfill requirements necessary to qualify for board certification by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Equine Practice).
- To engage the resident in instruction of veterinary students and interns.
- To develop skills within the resident in public speaking, critical review of literature, and manuscript preparation

### **Requirements:**

1. Must be a graduate of an AVMA accredited College of Veterinary Medicine.

2. Must be able to meet the requirements to obtain licensure in Texas prior to the start of employment. Fees to obtain a Texas license will be reimbursed upon start date.
3. Must be able to obtain a DEA Certificate prior to start of employment. Instructions on how to obtain the certificate will be furnished upon signing an offer letter.
4. Must have completed training in clinical veterinary medicine and surgery in a rotating large animal internship (or equine specific) of at least 12 months duration, or have completed at least 12 months of clinical practice in a practice predominately caring for equine species.

Before beginning the residency program, the selected candidate must send their curriculum vitae to ABVP along with a letter from the residency program director for approval.

**Specific guidelines:**

1. The Equine Practice Resident is required to create and deliver a minimum of four (4) formal presentations to an audience of veterinarians or veterinary students during the two year residency.
2. Required program-specific residency logs are to be maintained by the resident per ABVP guidelines.
3. Residents will prepare two (2) case reports per ABVP guidelines, or alternatively one (1) refereed publication and one (1) case report to be completed during the residency per ABVP guidelines.
4. Residents will be required to accumulate at least 50 hours of continuing education (documented in logs) each year of their residency (as set forth by ABVP. In an academic environment, this is usually not difficult to complete due to the numerous seminars, topic rounds, journal clubs, lectures, labs and formal CE events available. However, at least 15 hours of this each year must be from formal CE events (local, national, state, etc.).
5. Residents will participate in in-house rounds as well as any rounds associated with the particular service they are assigned to.
6. Residents may be asked to provide didactic lectures to veterinary students from time to time on pertinent topics. Further, residents are expected to be actively involved with the training of veterinary students during their clinical rotations.
6. Residents will be required to sign an employment contract with a non-complete clause.

**Emergency duty:**

Equine Practice Residents will provide primary emergency coverage for the equine ambulatory service on a rotating basis with the other equine ambulatory clinicians. Senior faculty will provide support during this emergency duty as well. It is the responsibility of the resident to secure substitution with another individual in times when the resident can't provide emergency duty as scheduled. These changes and re-arrangements in the emergency duty schedule must be discussed with the senior clinician on duty beforehand.

**Annual leave:**

The resident will have 2 weeks of annual leave/year for vacation. These vacation times must be approved by the senior faculty who is on duty during the time in which the resident wishes to be absent.

Discretionary funds in the amount \$5000 over a three-year residency will be provided for professional support such as travel, external training opportunities and certain fees associated with the residency program.

Residents will be eligible to participate in a group insurance package that includes group health, life, dependent life, disability, accidental death and dismemberment policies and a retirement program. Insurance and Retirement packages are available beginning with the 1st day of employment, however, state contributions towards insurance premiums will not begin until a minimum of 60 days from the 1st day of employment. All employees of Texas A&M University participate in the federal Social Security program. Residents receive vacation, sick leave, and holidays in accordance with University policy. Residents will be paid for any remaining vacation they have when they terminate. Texas A&M University is a smoke-free workplace. For more benefits information please visit: <http://employees.tamu.edu/benefits/>

**Note that the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences will not sponsor applicants for H-1B or E-3 nonimmigrant employment categories.**

Interested applicants should submit a) a letter of intent, b) current curriculum vitae, and c) the names and contact information of three references to Dr. Cleet Griffin at the postal address or email address listed below. In addition, three letters of reference should be sent to Dr. Griffin at the same address by individuals familiar with the applicant's professional activities.

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