


SOP on Alternative Training Programme (ATP) in Veterinary Clinical Pathology		European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology
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1. Title

SOP on Alternative Training Programme (ATP) in Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

2. Section

ECVCP, Potential Residents/Applicant, ATP residents and interested Veterinarians.

3. Scope

Information and guidelines for the Potential Resident/Applicant, ATP Residents and Supervisors. The ATP is designed to allow Veterinary Graduates who are unable or unwilling to enrol in Standard Training Programmes to obtain advanced training in Veterinary Clinical Pathology to become eligible to take the ECVCP Board Examination.

4. Equipment List

This SOP, Information Brochure (latest version), ByLaws in the current active version, Form 1.9.1. (see also appendix 1).


5. Procedure Instructions

The ATP is approved by the Executive Board based on recommendations by the Education & Credential and Laboratory Standards Committees. The ATP must be approved before the Potential Resident commences, otherwise completed training time may not be acknowledged. The ATP is not approved for anyone other than the Potential Resident requesting its approval.

a. The Potential Resident must:

- i. Be eligible to practice Veterinary Medicine in a European country.
- ii. Have completed either a 1-year rotational Internship Program, or 2 years in Veterinary Clinical Practice after graduation, or equivalent Clinical Practice acceptable to the Education & Credentials Committee.

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- iii. Identify a Primary Training Laboratory (PTL) and a Secondary training Laboratory (STL) (please see definitions under 5.e of this SOP).
- iv. Identify a Supervisor and a Co-Supervisor (please see definitions under 5.e of this SOP).

b. The ATP resident must:

- i. Spend 100% of his/her working time in Veterinary Clinical Pathology.
- ii. Spend a minimum of 22 months training at the PTL, a maximum of 23 months at the STL and 3 months (60 days in total) of externships in ECVCP-Approved Training Laboratories.
- iii. A Resident on an ATP must spend the equivalent of at least 60% of three years working in the practice of the specialty, under direct supervision of a Diplomate of the ECVCP.


c. Duration of Training:

The ATP shall be a minimum of 48 months duration accomplished within 6 consecutive years. Arrangements regarding the external training periods/externships have to be included in the Training Application as well as a Statement of Agreement with the persons supervising those training periods/externships.

d. Examination:

Same requirements as for a Standard Training Programme. The Training Programme must be completed by the 31st of August of the year of the Phase 2 Examination in order for the Resident to be eligible for the Phase 2 Examination. Please see the ECVCP Information Brochure and other applicable documents.

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e. Definitions:

- i. Primary Training Laboratory (PTL): An ECVCP-Approved Training Laboratory with an active ECVCP Diplomate.
- ii. Secondary Training Laboratory (STL): A Laboratory which is not ECVCP-Approved Training Facility with or without an active ECVCP Diplomate.
- iii. Supervisor: The ECVCP or ACVP (Clinical Pathology) Diplomate at the PTL or STL.
- iv. Co-supervisor: The Veterinary Clinical Pathologist at the other site (either STL or PTL depending on where the supervisor of point iii is located) who is not the Supervisor.

6. Interpretation

Submit to the College's Secretariat the following documents:

- a. Curriculum vitae (CV) of the Applicant.
- b. Supervisor's and Co-supervisor's CV.
- c. A letter outlining the reasons/circumstances for designing an ATP, commitment to the programme and career goals following completion of the ATP.
- d. Letters from the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor supporting the application.
- e. Completed Form 1.9.1. "Application Form for ATP approval" (see appendix 1).


6. Quality management information

Relevant Documentation on QM processes of the ECVCP, Information Brochure.

7. Terms and conditions

The complete application and all required documents are to be submitted through the ECVCP Secretariat secretariat@ecvcp.org only. The Secretariat sends the application to the Chairs of Education & Credential as well as the Laboratory Standards Committees. After completing the evaluation process the Chairs send the application and the evaluation report to the ECVCP President. After a discussion with the Board Members and voting process, a decision is accepted. There has to be an agreement of 6/11 board members for a positive outcome. The decision is final,

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without possibility of appeal. The candidate will receive the final decision in a timely matter through the ECVCP Secretariat

8. References

Information brochure, Policies and Procedures of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation.

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Appendix 1

1.9.1. Form, Application for Alternative Training Programme (ATP)

Name of the Applicant: _____

Submit to the College's secretariat secretariat@ecvcp.org the following documents:

		X	X
1.	Curriculum vitae (CV) of the Applicant.		
2.	Supervisor's and Co-supervisor's CV.		
3.	A letter outlining the reasons/circumstances for designing an ATP, commitment to the programme and career goals following completion of the ATP.		
4.	Letters from the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor supporting the application.		
5.	The completed "Resident Training Application Form"		
6.	Laboratory Standards Committee Training Application evaluation files		

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