

Requirements for a ECPVS internship program

1. Professional requirements

An internship program of at least 1 year has to be performed prior to the training program. The internship program should deliver the minimal level of clinical experience in poultry medicine. The internship program should cover all aspects of poultry medicine and should be supervised by at least one ECPVS Diplomate. Following completion the attendee should obtain a certificate signed by the supervisor. A general formulary supplied by the Credentials Committee of the College or a similar formulary can be used. The successful attendance of an internship is a prerequisite to proceed with the training program.

The internship program should focus on a broad training and experience in clinical poultry health management and the supporting disciplines, as defined by the Education Committee. Such disciplines are mostly represented by the Colleges with which the ECPVS shows some obvious overlaps (see constitution and bylaws). The overall character of the internship could be a rotating program. In this instance rotating may be taken to mean either rotating between a specialist training centre such as a university department and an approved poultry practice or between at least two specialist training centres. An example of an equivalent to this would be a period of at least one year in an approved poultry practice, with evidence of significant postgraduate continuing education. During this time Interns will obtain a basic training in general poultry medicine. Internship programs should meet the requirements for each of the three categories (i-iii) listed below.

2. Period of training

The program should include a minimum of 12 months clinical experience

3. Conditions of training

- The program should cover all aspects of general poultry practice
- The program should be under the supervision of at least one ECPVS Diplomate

4. Documentation of training

The program should document for each intern the dates on which the period of training commenced and ended, and the name of the supervisor. A certificate of internship and/or a covering letter signed by the supervisor are sufficient.

If a candidate's internship program does not meet these general guidelines, the candidate should if possible submit a description of his/her program to the Education Committee for approval before beginning the Internship. If this is not done then a description should be submitted within 60 days of beginning the internship program. Under these circumstances the Education Committee may advise on modifications to the Internship (including extending it) to make up any deficiencies in the Intern's prior experience and training.