Information for residents

Dear colleague, welcome to the Vetsuisse Faculty

Before you begin your work in one of the structured training programs of the Vetsuisse Faculty of Bern, this document should inform you about the general and legal aspects governing the programs as well as about the instances of our Faculty responsible for controlling and evaluating them. Please read this document entirely, ask your supervisor if you have questions, and sign on page 3 that you were informed about the details of your job and your training program.

General conditions

Residents are assistants in a structured further education program where they acquire the qualification requirements for the board exam of the corresponding European or American speciality college (Dipl. ECVX/ACVX) or for the speciality title of the corresponding national veterinary organisation (e.g. Swiss FVH). Therefore they are supported by the specialists of the Department.

The salary is set as 50% of the salary of an assistant. The time spent for the emergency duty will be paid separately or compensated with additional time off.

The training programs contain time on clinics/on duty and time off clinics/off duty.

1. Residents on clinics/on duty are working in the clinics or they are involved in teaching. The work in the clinics includes “on the job training”, case discussions, journal clubs, seminars, etc.

2. Residents off clinics/off duty do their research, write publications, participate in congresses and internal or external courses, and they rotate through other divisions, clinics, universities, or other institutions, as defined by the requirements of their training program.

Residents have 25 days of vacation per year, in addition to the official holidays. The time spent for their own training and research is defined by the University (see below). These rules state that one third of the working time is to be used for education or research. In a 2 year program, this adds to 31 weeks (e.g. FVH program); in a 3 year program (regular ECVX/ACVX residency), 47 weeks.
Prerequisites of clinics and institutes

Divisions and other speciality groups are integrated in the clinical and/or diagnostic service (e.g. pathology) and in the teaching (continuing and advanced education). On and off time have to be arranged in regard of the interests of the clinic/institution and of the resident.

The effective time off clinics is dependent on

- the requirements of the training program of each individual resident (supervised training);
- above-average requirements for “on the job training” that may require an adjustment of the off time in the first year;
- not foreseeable events like accident/illness of a co-worker, in order to guarantee the function of the institution/clinic;
- the structural or specific conditions of a clinic/institution, e.g. small institutions with only one or two residents.

Facilities of the Vetsuisse faculty

The faculty Speciality committee (Spezko) accompanies and controls the certified education programs. The Spezko is composed of representatives from the equine clinic, the farm animal clinic, the small animal clinic, interdisciplinary specialities for example radiology or anaesthesia: the Veterinary public health institute and the department of infectious diseases and pathobiology (DIP). Its duties and responsibilities are defined as follows:

- it evaluates the programs annually, gives a feedback to the corresponding supervisor, and reports back to the faculty,
- it helps the residents financially according to its budget,
- it is the contact partner with problems that can not be solved internally.

Specific conditions of the program

Discrepancies from the normal conditions defined above have to be specified by the supervisor.
I confirm that I was informed about the general conditions of my structured training program.

Last name/first name Resident: ____________________________________________

Name of the program: ________________________________________________

Signature

Resident Supervisor

More information:
You can find the summaries and the information to the specific programs under the following links:

http://www.vetsuisse.unibe.ch/weiterbildung/spezialisierungsprogramme/index_ger.html
http://www.gstsvs.ch
http://www.dkv.unibe.ch/ueber_uns/spezialisierungsprogramme/index_ger.html

Legal basis:
http://www.rechtsdienst.unibe.ch/content/index_ger.html

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