

## Specialisation Committee Vetsuisse Faculty Bern: Residency Programme in Veterinary Public Health (VPH)

### **Brief content description:**

The main objective of the programme is to train residents as specialists in the methods used in the field of VPH in accordance with ECVPH guidelines. This will be achieved through a combination of further education courses, particularly in epidemiological and statistical methods, rotations through various VPH institutions (research institutions, laboratories, investigation offices, Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (BLV), cantonal veterinary offices, etc.) with collaboration in various projects as well as conducting an independent research project with publication of the results and self-study. In addition, depending on the level of training, the resident will be involved in epidemiological-statistical consulting for projects (service) and teaching in these areas. Depending on the specialisation of the supervisor and the individual focus of the residency programme, the degree can be awarded in one of the ECVPH sections: Population Medicine/Epidemiology or Food Safety/Technology.

At the Bern site, it is currently only possible to specialise in Population Medicine. At the Veterinary Public Health Institute (VPHI; administratively embedded in the DCR-VPH), German or French-speaking residents can integrate the prescribed modules for qualification as an official veterinarian into the residency training programme. Furthermore, combinations of residency training and PhD programmes (graduate school) are conceivable if there is individual interest and a suitable research project.

### **Duration and Location:**

The core training period is at least 36 months, of which approx. 6 months are spent as modules lasting several months in other institutions (Switzerland and the EU). Details will be determined at the beginning of the training in the individually tailored program.

At the Bern site, there are verbal agreements between the ECVPH programme coordinator (Prof. Gertraud Schüpbach) and those of the ECBHM programme and ECPHM programme of the Vetsuisse Faculty Bern to open the respective training modules to residents of the other programmes in relevant areas.

Registration for the ECVPH examinations is possible every six months after completion of the 36-month training programme.

### **Programme Objective:**

Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Public Health, sub-discipline Population Medicine or Food Safety (depending on the supervisor). At the VPHI Bern, only the sub-discipline "Population Medicine" is offered.

**Publications:** [http://www.vphi.ch/forschung/publikationen/index\\_ger.html](http://www.vphi.ch/forschung/publikationen/index_ger.html)

### **Open positions:**

Job advertisements can be found on the homepage of the University of Bern.

**Further information:** <http://www.ecvph.org>

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