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Application for recognition by the ECVECC for Diplomates of the American College of Emergency and Critical Care

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Applicants should submit their application to the Secretary by January 15th each year, with successful applicants becoming Dipl. ECVECC at the next ECVECC AGM (usually June of the same year).

The process for Dipl. ACVECC to obtain Dipl. ECVECC status is not time limited.

Requirements that must be fulfilled for consideration as a Diplomate of ECVECC for individuals who are a Diplomate of ACVECC

In order for a Dipl. ACVECC to acquire Dipl. ECVECC status the following criteria must be fulfilled.

1. Have a satisfactory ethical standing in the profession.
2. Have successfully passed the certifying examination of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, be certified by the Board of Regents of the American College, and be a current active member of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.
3. Be licensed/authorised to practise in a European country.
4. Be practising in a European country, and intend to remain so for the foreseeable future. Applicants may be relieved of this requirement only in exceptional circumstances (see below).
5. Spend an average of at least 24 hours per week (60% of a 40-hour work week) working within the specialty of Emergency and Critical Care.
6. Have publication-related credentials equal to those required to sit for the examinations of the ECVECC, i.e. a minimum of two (2) publications. Both papers must be on subjects related to emergency and critical care medicine and must be published in an international peer-reviewed journal. One (1) paper must be an original research paper of which the applicant must be the principal author. One (1) paper can be a case report, review or original research paper of which the applicant is author or co-author. If the papers are not published in the English language an extensive English written summary should be part of, or accompany the original paper on submission.
7. Applicants must provide evidence via a written statement of how they will promote, support and progress the aims of the European College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in Europe. We expect continuing involvement in the development of ECC in Europe and ECVECC in particular as a reflection of an active and committed membership.
8. Pay an application fee of € 200.

Information for individuals who are not currently working in Europe

Application of ACVECC Diplomates who are not currently working in Europe will be considered and will be reviewed on an individual basis however acceptance by the College will be made only in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances. It remains the right of the



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College at all times to reject an application if it considers it not in the interest of the College.

It is not possible to define all circumstances that may be considered exceptional and prospective applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with the Chair of the Credentials committee before submitting.

If the candidate is rejected for recognition, the candidate could reapply. An application fee is required for each application. The fee is due at the time of each submission and is non-refundable.

Ongoing requirements

European Diplomates including those who have obtained their Dipl. ECVECC by this route all have to fulfil the following requirements.

1. Attend the College's annual general meetings regularly and contribute to the aims and activities of the College. It is the duty of every active Diplomate to attend the annual general meeting at least twice in the five year recertification period, unless previous dispensation from the College has been granted. If this is not achieved and without previous dispensation, the registration as active Diplomate ceases by default.
2. Any Dipl. ACVECC recognised by ECVECC will need to pass the ECVECC recertification procedure on a 5 yearly basis as designed by ECVECC and approved by the EBVS. Failure to achieve the required standard at evaluation may lead to cessation of registration as active Diplomate.

Residency supervision requirements

Please also note that an ACVECC Diplomate may act as supervisor in an ECVECC-approved residency programme with permission of the College; a title of ECVECC Diplomate is not per se necessary.

Checklist for applications (please complete and attach information as required in a single file)

1. A Curriculum Vitae.
2. A copy of ACVECC diploma.
3. A list of publications.
4. A description of the way in which the speciality is currently practised, including an estimate of how much time is spent in the emergency and critical care medicine (hours per week).
5. Two (2) reference letters confirming (see attachment "reference letter") that the candidate has
 - a. been practising (through practice, teaching and research) the speciality for at least 60% of their time (24 hours per week), for the last 5 years;
 - b. demonstrated satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the profession;
 - c. practised scientific, evidence-based veterinary medicine, which complies with animal welfare legislation.
 - d. promoted continuous improvement in the quality and standard of specialist practice;
 - e. communicated effectively with the public and with professional colleagues.



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6. Confirmation that the individual is licensed to practise in a European country and practising in a European country.
7. An application fee of € 200 is required. The fee is due at the time of submission and is non-refundable.