**Small Animal Medicine & Surgery Postgraduate Clinical Certificate in Veterinary Medicine**

**Small Animal Rotating**

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5 Positions  
1 Position Open

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**Inclusive Dates of Program:** 6/22/2020 to 6/30/2021

**Employment Information**

**Salary:** $25,750 (Cdn) postgraduate clinical certificate student STIPEND  

**Opportunity to earn additional cash compensation:** Limited graduate student teaching assistant opportunities may be available.

**Benefits:** Tuition costs will be covered. Students are responsible for payment of Student Health & Dental plan insurance premiums but may opt out with proof of insurance. Professional liability coverage is provided by the University.

**Vacation:** Two (2) weeks of personal time will be provided during the duration of the program; one week will be pre-scheduled by the program co-ordinator.

**Is a contract required?** Yes  
**Is a non-compete clause required?** No

**Is a State license required?** Yes  
**If yes, what is the licensure fee?** paid by Atlantic Veterinary College  
**Is a DEA license required?** No  
**Is USDA accreditation required?** No

**Caseload**

The following information represents the average of cases in direct support of this program

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<th>Total No. Annual Cases</th>
<th>Average Daily No. Cases Presented to Hospital</th>
<th>Average No. Cases Treated Daily as Outpatients</th>
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**Number of Faculty/Clinicians in Direct Support of Program:** 26  
**Number of Residents in Direct Support of Program:** 3

**Diplomates in Direct Support of Internship**

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Other Personnel of Note

3 Animal Care Attendants
2 Radiology Technicians

Outcomes Assessment

Average number of interns who started this program per year for the past 5 years: 5
Average number of interns who completed this program per year for the past 5 years: 5
Number of interns from this program who applied for a residency in the past 5 years: 16
Number of interns from this program who accepted a residency in the past 5 years: 14

Prerequisites other than being a Graduate of a College of Veterinary Medicine

Candidates must meet all requirements for licensure by the Prince Edward Island Veterinary Medical Association (www.peivma.com).

Requirements for Application

1. Standard VIRMP Application Packet
   - VIRMP Application
   - Veterinary School Official Transcript from University Registrar
   - Personal Statement
   - Curriculum Vitae
   - 3 - 4 Standardized Letters of Reference

2. Additional Requirements from the Program
   Candidates must meet requirements for admission into the postgraduate certificate program at the Atlantic Veterinary College, including meeting English language proficiency requirements (e.g., TOEFL score of 100 or greater). Please note the English Language Proficiency Requirements at https://www.upei.ca/programsandcourses/english-language-proficiency-requirements/graduate-programs

Additional information for graduates of universities outside of the United States and Canada

IF NOT A GRADUATE from a CMVA/AVMA accredited college, a passing score on the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam (NAVLE) and the Clinical Proficiency Exam (CPE) IS DESIRABLE.

Proof of English Language Proficiency must be submitted WITH application. Please note the English Language Proficiency Requirements at https://www.upei.ca/programsandcourses/english-language-proficiency-requirements/graduate-programs

Visa Sponsorship

If you will require visa sponsoring or are unsure about your work status, please review the Information for Foreign Applicants page and contact this program prior to applying. Please be aware that some programs listed in the VIRMP accept applications ONLY from citizens of the United States (or Canada if a Canadian program) or from applicants who possess permanent residency status at the time of application.

Clinical Experience and Responsibilities

1. Does the intern have primary case care responsibility for first-opinion and emergency/critical care cases? Yes ☑ No
2. Is the intern the primary surgeon on a broad range of elective and entry-level procedures? Yes ☑ No
3. Does the intern have primary case care responsibility for complex cases with supervision by a boarded specialist? Yes No

4. Are patient rounds held daily with a boarded specialist in attendance? Yes No

5. What is the percentage of time the intern will be directly supervised? 60%

**Didactic Training**

1. Are teaching rounds held weekly? Yes No

2. Does the intern deliver a professional presentation or seminar to senior clinicians and peers? Yes No

3. Does the intern have an opportunity to attend a professional meeting? Yes No

4. Is financial support provided to attend a professional meeting? Yes No

5. Is the intern required to complete/submit a publication? Yes No

**Facilities**

1. Does the intern have access to current medical textbooks? Yes No

2. Is a computer with internet access provided? Yes No

3. Does the intern have access to search engines for scientific literature and online journals? Yes No

4. Does the primary hospital have an intensive care unit? Yes No

**Equipment**

1. Do interns have access to the following equipment/technology, either on-site or outsourced?
   - Arthroscopy
   - Blood Gas Analysis
   - Bone Plating Equipment
   - Diagnostic Laboratory
   - Echocardiography
   - Endoscopy
   - MRI
   - Physical Therapy Equipment
   - Basic clinical laboratory equipment
   - Blood Pressure Monitoring
   - CT Scan
   - Digital Radiography
   - Electrocardiography
   - Laparoscopy
   - Nuclear Medicine
   - Ultrasound

**Scheduling**

These percentages may not be cumulative

1. Percentage of program intern is assigned to daytime primary emergency 20%

2. Percentage of program intern is assigned to overnight primary emergency 20%

3. Percentage of program intern is assigned to first opinion (primary care) clinics 0%

4. Percentage of program intern is provided elective time 12%

5. Percentage of program intern is required to work at a secondary (satellite) clinic 0%

**Orientation/Supervision/Mentoring**

1. Is a formal orientation program required? Yes No

2. Does the intern have a mentor who is a veterinarian in the practice? Yes No

3. Are written performance evaluations provided? Yes No

4. Is an internship orientation manual provided? Yes No

**Additional Information about Program**

The DEPARTMENT OF COMPANION ANIMALS at the ATLANTIC VETERINARY COLLEGE offers a one-year, rotating small animal medicine & surgery Postgraduate Clinical Certificate in Veterinary Medicine program.

This program consists of rotations through the clinical disciplines of Small Animal Medicine and Small Animal Surgery.
including emergency service. The individual will participate in a clinical training program in which participation in rounds, seminars and journal clubs is mandatory for course credit. During the program, each candidate will rotate for two weeks through anaesthesia and one week through radiology and cardiology respectively. Two additional weeks are allotted for elective rotations either within or external to the AVC. During the one-year program, five (5) days have been allotted for additional professional development.

Students will work closely on clinical cases with faculty clinicians in the Department of Companion Animals and supervise and instruct fourth-year veterinary students on a daily basis. Individuals participate in primary emergency duty one week of nights out of every five weeks and one weekend out of every five weeks.

Students can be expected to be involved in a varied local and referral caseload. Important features of the program include extensive primary case responsibility, extensive direct faculty interaction, a structured seminar series, and other special programs. Didactic aspects of the program include rounds during clinical rotations and weekly grand rounds. Each student in the program is expected to make three (3) oral presentations during the year, including a clinical case conference presentation and two formal seminars on a topic of their choosing.

Successful applicants must be eligible for licensure in the Prince Edward Island Veterinary Medical Association; a license to practice is required and will be paid for by the Atlantic Veterinary College. The candidate must fulfill all requirements for acceptance as a graduate student of UPEI (see www.upei.ca for more details), including English language proficiency (TOEFL score of 100 or greater, or equivalent). The program will begin on June 22nd with an enhanced orientation process that will include three (3) days of ‘Skills Training’.

Prince Edward Island is located on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, north of New Brunswick and west of Nova Scotia. The University of Prince Edward Island is a 2000-student, single-campus institution in the heart of Charlottetown. The Atlantic Veterinary College is part of UPEI and we benefit from the schedule of activities at the music recital hall, theater, large swimming pool and gym complex, two indoor hockey arenas, athletic fields, and other facilities on campus. Charlottetown is a university town and the provincial capital. Its small population of 50 000 people has an exceptionally strong cultural life thanks to the Confederation Centre for the Arts, several playhouses, museums and galleries, City Cinema, The Guild, and many coffeehouses and pubs. Minutes from campus are two national parks, gateways to hundreds of miles of white sand beaches with surprisingly warm, Gulf-stream-generated “warmest waters north of the Carolinas”, a 250-mile tip-to-tip walking/cycling/horseback riding trail, world-class golf courses, the home of childhood heroine Anne of Green Gables, and ample opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, deep-sea fishing, trout fishing, and virtually any other outdoor activity on sea or shore.