



VETERINARY STUDENT PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES



Goal of the program:

To ensure adequate veterinary service is available in the future to serve Saskatchewan's expanding livestock production sector by exposing third year veterinary students and first year veterinary technology students to rural veterinary practices in Saskatchewan serving a high percentage of livestock clients.

Planned outcomes:

By providing third year veterinary students and first year veterinary technology students a more intensive large or mixed animal practice experience and by demonstrating a range of professional and lifestyle options to be found in the agri-food sector in rural Saskatchewan, our hope is the preceptorship program will encourage students to seriously consider rural food animal or mixed practice as an attractive career option. Preference is given to Saskatchewan origin students, but applications from all accredited Canadian veterinary and veterinary technology schools will be considered.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Practices will be responsible for providing supervision, guidance and support to the student for twelve (12) weeks during the period between May 1 and August 31 of the program year.
2. Financial support provided by the practice must be either cash or a combination of cash and in-kind contributions that equals at least \$3000 over and above the \$5571 provided by the SVMA and the Preceptorship Program Fund for the 12 week period. Practices may provide financial support above the \$3000 minimum.
3. In-kind contributions such as suitable living accommodations, board and room or travel support, to a maximum of \$1500, are allowed. Other in-kind contributions made by the practice should be discussed with the SVMA prior to the start of the summer program.
4. The SVMA will provide each practice with three payments over the summer: \$1857.00 at the end of May, \$1857.00 at the end of June and \$1857.00 at the end of July.
5. Practices are to use the funds provided by the SVMA as part of the wages paid to the student. Standard deductions shall be made from the student's gross wages: the workers compensation program is mandatory. Disability and other insurance are the responsibility of the student.
6. All practices (ie, the supervising veterinarian) and students accepted into the preceptorship program will be required to attend a webinar about optimizing student success through the program. This webinar will be held prior to the start of the program period.
7. Preceptorship students are expected to be agents of their own learning. As part of this, they are required to submit three reports to the SVMA regarding their preceptorship activities over the summer. Reports can be emailed to svma@svma.sk.ca or faxed to 306.975.0623. The first report is due by the end of June. The second report is due by the end of July. The first two reports must be received by the SVMA office for the final cheque to be issued. A final report that includes completion of a questionnaire provided by the SVMA office is to be submitted by the end of August of the program year.