

This three year training program in small animal emergency and critical care medicine provides exposure to a wide variety of cases within a fully staffed and fully equipped emergency and intensive care unit. Instruction in the medical and surgical disciplines necessary for emergency and critical care training is provided through clinical rotations. In addition, training is provided through rotations in anesthesia, cardiology, internal medicine, neurology, radiology, exotics, and soft tissue surgery. Under the supervision of boarded faculty members, the residents manage cases and teach interns and veterinary students. The annual average caseload of the ECC Service is 3300. The program will prepare the resident for the certifying examination of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

Each resident spends approximately 3/4 of each year in the Teaching Hospital concentrating on clinical training. The remaining time is allocated for research endeavors, writing publications and case reports, attending and participating in continuing education, and participating to a limited degree in didactic and laboratory teaching of preclinical veterinary students. Residents participate in daily clinic rounds, weekly Grand Rounds, weekly resident rounds/journal club/board review sessions, and other rounds at the University of Georgia. Residents are expected to prepare one first author manuscript and present Grand Rounds.

Training is under the direction of the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery. The ECC faculty currently includes one double boarded ACVECC/ACVIM Diplomate and one double boarded ACVECC/ACVA Diplomate. Additionally, Diplomates in the specialties of Anesthesia, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Oncology, Neurology, Radiology, Zoological Medicine, Ophthalmology, and Pathology directly support the program.

This is a non-degree graduate program, leading to an official University certificate of residency. A one time application fee of \$75 and tuition and student fees (currently approximately \$755 per fall and spring semester and approximately \$480 for summer semester) are the responsibility of the individual selected for the program. Proof of medical insurance coverage and proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, tetanus, and rabies are required. Professional liability insurance is provided, but parking fees and health insurance are the responsibility of the individual. Medical insurance is available through the Graduate School. All clinical faculty and staff must be members of the AVMA in order to obtain professional liability insurance. The current graduate student stipend for first year residents is \$26,364. Ten days of annual leave and 12 days of sick leave are available each year.

Candidates must obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine in Georgia. A faculty license may be obtained without examination. A faculty license enables the license holder to practice in the Teaching Hospital only. To take the Georgia State Board examination to obtain a regular Georgia license, the resident must be a graduate of an accredited institution or have completed the requirements of the ECFVG program of the AVMA.

International applicants are required to provide two official/certified copies of their academic records from each institution of higher education that the applicant has attended. These records must include all course work. Photocopies are not acceptable. Separate proof of degrees is also required. All graduates of veterinary colleges outside of the United States and Canada are considered international applicants regardless of citizenship. If the original language of the

academic record is not English, a certified English translation must be attached to the original. Candidates must be fluent in written and spoken English (foreign graduates where the primary language is not English must provide TOEFL scores; see <http://www.toefl.org> for details). These scores must not be more than two years old. Foreign applicants that have completed a year of academic study in the US can provide a university transcript in lieu of TOEFL scores. Foreign applicants must also consider application and processing time for visas well ahead of the start date. Foreign applicants are responsible for paying a mandatory health insurance fee approximately \$1003/year through the graduate school (<http://www.uga.edu/oie/ininsurance.htm>).

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Please write to the Department for further information on this program or refer to the Department's website (<http://www.vet.uga.edu/SAMS>). An interview date is available in early December; however, a personal, on site interview is not required for admission to this program. For further description of the program, please write:

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