

The Residency in Veterinary Anesthesiology is a 3 year program aimed at developing clinical & technical proficiency in anesthesia & pain management in a variety of species with varied medical conditions. The program is constructed to satisfy the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists requirements for eligibility to sit examinations for Diplomate status. The resident is expected to participate in the clinical anesthesia service for 60% of each year anesthetizing small & large animals, with at least 30% of the time spent in each area. Case management is under the guidance of the anesthesia faculty assigned to the specific area of the hospital. The large animal caseload is primarily equine but includes bovine, sheep, goats, camelid & some exotic and wildlife cases. The small animal caseload is largely dogs, with a significant number of cats and exotics. Emergency duty is shared between anesthesia faculty, residents, intern & technicians. Each resident will be assigned emergency duty up to one night in three. Educational opportunities includes attendance at weekly topic rounds & journal club, attendance & presentation at the Hospital Clinical Seminars, and participation in selected courses offered within the College or on campus. Each resident is expected to perform research or clinical investigation sufficient to enable preparation & submission of at least one manuscript for referred publication. Teaching responsibilities include instruction of fourth year veterinary students in the clinical hospital & third year students in laboratories.

The anesthesiology section is well provisioned at the University of Georgia. Each operating room (both large and small animal) contains monitoring for invasive blood pressure, gas analysis, and isoflurane and sevoflurane. Desflurane has recently been added to our capabilities and two operating rooms have NiCO units for cardiac output measurement. Portable invasive blood pressure and end-tidal CO₂ monitors allow travel throughout the hospital. The program is supported by 3 faculty in anesthesia and 2 faculty in critical care. The resident is given significant support to pursue their research during the program and the presence of clinical faculty in the hospital ensure a positive training environment for the resident.

This is a non-degree graduate program leading to an official University certificate of residency. A one time application fee of \$50 along with tuition & student fees of approximately \$600 each fall & spring semesters & approximately \$400 for summer semesters are required & are the responsibility of the individual. In addition to the residency certificate, residents may concurrently enroll in additional basic science graduate course work & participate in research leading to a Master's degree (3 to 4 year program) or PhD (4 to 5 year program), though these advanced degree programs are not required for the residency.

Athens is a cool place to live. It captures the true essence of a college town, with its focus being the university's 30,000 students. It is a friendly town that blends the small town feel with many of the amenities offered by Atlanta, which is only 65 miles away. Athens has an unbelievable music scene, being home to REM & Wide Spread Panic among others. The weather is relatively mild most of the year, although July & August are called Dog Days for good reason. If you come from a cold climate, you will be amazed when the university closes for 1 inch of snow & people storm the supermarkets to stockpile bread & milk; 95% of the time the snow is gone the next morning. The hospital is a positive environment in which to learn and work, with the vast majority of staff and doctors happy to be there.

Professional liability insurance is provided, but health insurance & parking fees are the responsibility of the individual. Proof of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, chicken pox, hepatitis and rabies is required. Medical insurance coverage is required. A policy is offered through UGA Graduate School for domestic students <http://www.uhs.uga.edu>. International students must participate in a mandatory health insurance program provided by the University of Georgia. Please visit the following website for additional information for international students: <http://www.edu/oie/ISSIS/>. Residents earn additional fees from after hours emergency work that can be used for travel to meetings and journal subscriptions (approximately \$2000/year). Fifteen days of annual leave & 12 days of sick leave are available.

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. If the original language of the academic record is not English, a certified English translation must be attached to the original. Applicants whose native language is not English must submit official TOEFL scores. These scores must not be more than two years old.

Successful candidates must obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine in Georgia. A faculty license may be obtained without examination. The faculty license allows the resident to practice only in the Teaching Hospital. To obtain a regular license in Georgia, the individual must take the Georgia State Board examination and be a graduate of an accredited institution or have completed the requirements of the ECFVG program of the AVMA. The residency cannot be used to satisfy the clinical evaluation portion of the ECFVG.

All clinical faculty & staff at the University of Georgia must be members of the AVMA for the purposes of professional insurance.

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