



American College of Zoological Medicine Credentials Information for ACZM Board Eligibility

The following requirements must be met to the satisfaction of the Credentials Committee before a candidate is eligible to take the board examination in zoological medicine. To be eligible, a candidate must:

- A. Meet the standards for membership (Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Part A).
 1. All members must have the following general qualifications.
 - a. Be a graduate of a college or school of veterinary medicine accredited or approved by the AVMA, or possess an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certificate, or be legally qualified to practice veterinary medicine in some state, province, territory, or possession of the United States or Canada, or some other country.
 - b. Have a satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the profession of veterinary medicine.
 - c. Members must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in a country, state or province.
- B. Be first author on at least five (5) publications in the field of zoological medicine in refereed journals, no more than four (4) of which are case reports. The remaining publication is to be an original investigation. The publications must be accepted for publication prior to the deadline for applying for certification. [See ACZM publications criteria.](#)
- C. Additionally, one of the following routes of professional training is necessary for candidate eligibility:
 1. Complete three (3) years of professional training in zoological medicine (100%), subsequent to graduation from veterinary school, in an [ACZM-approved training program](#) supervised by (a) Diplomate(s) of the ACZM.
 2. Complete six (6) years of professional training/experience in zoological medicine 100% (or equivalent, e.g., 12 years at 50%) subsequent to graduation from veterinary school.

Application will be made to the Secretary in prescribed form and will be accompanied by an examination fee fixed by the Executive Committee of the ACZM.

Current Training Programs which have been approved by the ACZM Credentials Committee include:

Cornell University
The Kansas City Zoo
Lincoln Park Zoo/Brookfield Zoo/John G. Shedd Aquarium/University of Illinois
National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution
North Carolina State University
Oklahoma State University/Oklahoma City Zoo
Ontario Veterinary College/Toronto Zoo
St. Louis Zoological Park
The Wilds
University of California, Davis
University of Georgia
University of Florida
University of Florida, Aquatic Veterinary Medicine
Université de Montréal
University of Tennessee
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Wildlife Conservation Society/Cornell University

*This list of approved training programs may change before up-dates are made to this web page so please check the ACZM Secretary if you have questions about a certain training programs status.

****Further requirements for application can be found in the [application package](#) also found on this web page.**