

Residency in Dermatology: Program Specifics

Please see “House Officer Programs: General Information” for basic information common to all internship and residency programs. The following information highlights specific program requirements of the Dermatology residency program.

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Specialty College: American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD)

- The resident must register with the ACVD and follow their requirements. Requirements for candidate registration, certification, and credentials application, and examination are available online (www.acvd.org).
- **Progress reports:** The resident will submit annual progress reports to the ACVD per ACVD requirements.
- **Meeting attendance:** The resident will attend the NAVDF meeting and ACVD resident education forum annually when the meeting is held within the continental United States. Attending WCVD meetings will be optional, unless the meeting occurs within the continental United States. Internal funds are available to offset some/all of these expenses. Additionally, external funds are also available for these opportunities.
- **Case reports:** By the middle of their 2nd year of residency, the resident will have submitted the case report required by the ACVD credential committee to fulfill this ACVD credential. Guidelines for these reports can be found at www.acvd.org.
- **Credentials packets:** The resident will complete their credentials packet to sit the ACVD certifying examination and submit it to the ACVD Credentials Committee by June 1st of the 3rd year of residency.

Clinical program requirements

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
39 weeks of clinical duty	39 weeks clinical duty	39 weeks clinical duty
10 weeks off dermatology clinical duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 weeks clinical pathology (Optional-Determined by Program Director) 	10 weeks off dermatology clinic duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x 2 week dermatology externship, strongly suggested • 2 weeks Oncology (Optional-Determined by Program Director) 	10 weeks off dermatology clinic duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x 2 week dermatology externships, strongly suggested • 2 weeks Radiology-CT/MRI Focus (Optional-Determined by Program Director)
1 week NAVDF meeting (required) – 2023 – Seattle	1 week WCVD meeting (required) -2024 - Boston	1 week NAVDF meeting (required)- 2025 – site to be determined
2 weeks vacation	2 weeks vacation	2 weeks vacation

Off Clinic Duties and Responsibilities

- During this time, you are also responsible for responding to message board items for your patients and completing diagnostic follow-up (Blood work, Histopathology, etc.) for your patients to ensure continuity of care. All other clinic duties will be done by the on-clinics Dermatology team. Participation in procedures is optional during your off blocks.
- When off clinics, you are expected to use your time efficiently in working on ACVD residency requirements including the case report and research project as set forth by your mentor(s).
- This time should also be used for reading and studying in preparation for cases and boards preparation. The ACVD reading and Reference Guide can be found at www.ACVD.org.
- It is expected that you will spend the majority of your off clinic days ($\geq 60\%$) in the College away from the clinic floor. Being away from the clinic floor allows you to be effective in your use of time to be productive without disturbances. Additionally, when rare or unique diseases or cases are presented, you should be available to evaluate and see these cases as a learning experience. This will also make it much easier for you to address client emails or phone calls as expected and discuss these cases with the clinician that was on duty with you for the case.
- We encourage you to use the remainder of your off clinics time to complete general life items (medical appointments, errands, etc.)!

Out-rotation (at ISU or elsewhere) or continuing education (e.g. NAVDF or WCVD)

- During this time, you are also responsible for responding to message board items for your patients and completing diagnostic follow-up (Blood work, Histopathology, etc.) for your patients to ensure continuity of care. All other clinic duties will be done by the on-clinics Dermatology team.

Vacation

- During these times you have NO clinic duties. The on-clinic team will take care of message board items and test results for your patients.

Seminar/Rounds requirements

Rounds type	Frequency	Day/Time	Commitment
HO Seminar/Case Presentation	Weekly	Thursdays @ 8am	Required
Dermatology Journal Club	Weekly	Friday @ 8am	Required
Dermatology Textbook Review	Weekly	Friday @ 8am	Required
Histopathology Review	Weekly	Friday @ 8am	Required
Morbidity & Mortality Rounds	Monthly	2 nd Tuesday @ 8am	Optional
Department Work In Progress	Monthly	Last Friday @ 12pm	Optional
Student Grand Rounds	Weekly	Fridays @ 8am	Optional

Requirements and research timeline

- The ACVD requires its residents to participate in scholarly activity and requires that the resident complete an original research project, present those results at one of the annual NAVDF forums (or accepted alternative when the NAVDF meeting is not held due to WCVD meetings), and publish their findings in an ACVD approved journal as part of the credentialing process to sit the ACVD certifying examination. To that end, guidelines, approved journals, and deadlines for submission of these objectives are found on the ACVD website (www.acvd.org), and a general timeline is outlined below.
- During the first year, and under the guidance and supervision of the primary mentor(s):
 - The resident is expected to identify a resident research project, prepare a research proposal, and hopefully submit a written grant to the ACVD Awards Committee.
- During the second year, and under the guidance and supervision of the primary mentor(s):
 - The resident will continue to conduct their original research project as above and will complete data collection.
 - The resident with guidance and supervision will identify a possible second publication as encouraged within the ACVD approved program details.
- During the third year, and under the guidance and supervision of the primary mentor:
 - The resident will submit an original research manuscript for acceptance to one of the ACVD approved journals in compliance with ACVD credential guidelines.
 - The resident will prepare and submit an abstract for the NAVDF Forum and present their original research if still needed in accordance with the ACVD credential guidelines.

Other program specifics that differ from ISU-CVM “House Officer Programs: General Information”

- **Required external rotations:**
 - During the second year of residency, the resident should complete an external externship (2 weeks) approved by the primary mentor(s).
 - During the third year of residency, the resident should complete two external externships (2 weeks each) approved by the primary mentor.
 - Internal and external funds are available for these opportunities.