

EMS AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

THE UNDERGRADUATE CLINICAL COURSE AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

YEAR	COURSE
<p>Clinical Year one (4th year)</p>	<p>Lectures and practical classes: Parasitology Integrated body systems pathology and basic medicine (alimentary, respiratory, urology, dermatology, dentistry) Animal housing, handling, husbandry, management, nutrition, breeding and welfare Reproductive pathology Biology of infectious diseases in domestic species Food animal diseases and medicine Veterinary Public Health Evidence based medicine Diagnostic imaging Principles of surgery Consultation and Communication Skills Clinical pharmacology and toxicology Clinical pathology introduction Laboratory animal medicine Exotics</p>
<p>Clinical Year two (5th year)</p>	<p>Lectures and practical classes: Integrated body systems pathology and basic medicine (cardiology, endocrinology, metabolic diseases, haematology, cytology, neurology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, dentistry) Food animal diseases and medicine (cont) Equine medicine, surgery and orthopaedics Small animal medicine, orthopaedics and soft tissue surgery Anaesthesia and critical care Infertility and obstetrics Oncology Veterinary Public Health (cont) Humane Slaughter State veterinary medicine Ethics</p>
<p>Clinical Year three (6th year)</p>	<p>Clinical Rotations: Anaesthesia Equine studies medicine and surgery Farm animal studies Radiology Small animal medicine / Oncology and Clinical Pathology Small animal orthopaedic surgery Small animal soft tissue surgery Elective study</p>

AN OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF EMS AT CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge EMS Scheme gives considerable flexibility and responsibility to students in organising their EMS study. The Department of Clinical Veterinary Medicine maintains a database of practices willing to take Cambridge students for EMS and to participate in the School's EMS assessment procedure. Students select practices from this register or from the National EMS database with the advice of their Veterinary School Clinical Supervisor and, if necessary, the EMS Co-ordinator, so as to develop a balanced programme of EMS which reflects their individual needs and interests and meets the regulation requirements. All students must spend at least 18 weeks at private veterinary practices within the British Isles including a minimum core requirement of 6 weeks small animal, 6 weeks farm animal and 2 weeks equine experience. Should a student wish to undertake EMS at a practice not already on the databases, the School will contact the practice to check it is willing to join the Scheme. Two weeks is considered the minimum period of experience when attending a private practice; however, periods of one week are accepted when longer periods cannot be negotiated.

Each student's progress is monitored by his or her clinical supervisor during regular termly meetings. They are encouraged to set themselves aims and objectives for each EMS placement, which they should discuss with their EMT. In addition, students have a Clinical Checklist to record the clinical skills that they have observed or performed, which they should have with them on all EMS placements.

Students are encouraged to undertake specialised periods of EMS during the summer vacation of the fifth year and in sixth year, when they are best able to benefit fully from these experiences.

SUMMARY OF INSURANCE COVER PROVIDED BY CAMBRIDGE

Students are insured by the University against certain risks whilst undertaking EMS at approved establishments within the UK. The School assumes that the practice's Public Liability and Employers Liability insurances will also cover students while carrying out EMS with that placement. All Cambridge clinical veterinary students (i.e. those in years 4, 5 and 6) have block membership of the BVA Student Membership scheme.