

## EMS AT EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

### CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR EMS PROVIDERS - BVM&S

YEAR		COURSE	CONTENT OVERVIEW
5 year programme	4 year Graduate Entry Programme		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Clinical Foundation Course	Core principles of diagnostic imaging and surgery, anaesthesia and core principles and concepts of pharmacology.
		Veterinary Pathology	The principles and patterns of general and systems pathology.
		Dog And Cat Integrated Clinical Course	Diseases of the dog and cat - aetiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment of each disorder.
		Population medicine and Veterinary Public Health Vertical thread (PMVPH)	A group of related subjects which have, as a common theme, the study and control of disease in populations -both animal and human.
4 <sup>th</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Farm Animal Integrated Clinical Course	Cattle, sheep, pigs, fish and poultry health and production. The role of the veterinary surgeon in planned animal health and production in cattle and sheep. Aetiology, pathology, diagnosis, differential diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of the principal diseases of farm animals in the UK. Control of Notifiable diseases in farm animals
		Equine and Exotics Integrated Clinical Course	Aetiology, clinical signs, diagnostic protocols, treatment and prognosis of disease conditions involving horses, laboratory and exotic animals. The husbandry, clinical anatomy and physiology of laboratory and exotic animals are expanded from earlier courses.
		Clinical Induction and Consolidation Course	Integrates and consolidates core clinical material with previously delivered basic science, theory, practice, problem-solving and communication to help prepare students for their final year and professional life.
		Population medicine and Veterinary Public Health Vertical thread	A group of related subjects which have, as a common theme, the study and control of disease in populations -both animal and human.
5 <sup>th</sup> year	4 <sup>th</sup> year	Clinical rotations and elective	Lecture free practical and clinical training

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF EMS AT EDINBURGH

Clinical EMS for Edinburgh comprises only two compulsory weeks: 1 week in residence Large/Small Animal hospitals and 1 week meat inspection. An elective subject period up to 12 weeks is permitted. Up to eight weeks study is permitted on a laboratory-based project. Students are encouraged to utilize their EMS to address their own individual learning requirements noting that the Final Year Examination determines knowledge and clinical skills in all species as outlined in the RCVS day 1 skills .

#### Compulsory EMS

1 week OVS work, 1 week in residence Large/Small Animal hospitals. Remaining 24 weeks could be in general/mixed practice.

### Vocational EMS

Equine, exotics, zoo work, study at overseas Veterinary College or approved practice(s) for up to 12 weeks.

Up to eight weeks on a laboratory-based project in veterinary science.

Periods of study abroad and research projects totalling more than six weeks should be discussed in advance with the Director of EMS.

It is recommended that students identify a base practice where they should see the majority of their 26 weeks' EMS. Students are encouraged to identify those practices best suited to their learning needs and objectives. Students are directed to annexes A and B of the SILVER report on the RCVS website.

Students have detailed electronic portfolios with a techniques book based upon day 1 competencies (see RCVS EMS website), OSCE forms for detailed clinical examination of individual animals, examples of reflective practice, and case reports.

### Communication with veterinary practices

Edinburgh operates an electronic system of booking EMS placements and exchange of attendance certificates and student assessment forms. The single e-mail also contains a letter of introduction, health and safety information, and information regarding the stage of the undergraduate student's training (also available from the RCVS website).

The link is [ems2admin@lists.ed.ac.uk](mailto:ems2admin@lists.ed.ac.uk).

## **SUMMARY OF INSURANCE COVER PROVIDED BY EDINBURGH**

The following is an extract from information provided by the University of Edinburgh Insurers. At present the University's Public Liability policy will extend to indemnify the student against legal liability incurred as a result of his/her actions arising from their position as students i.e. - cover applies in respect of injury to third parties or damage to their property including animals. Please note that this cover only operates where legal liability has been proven. As far as Employers Liability (EL) is concerned we would expect the majority of students (undertaking EMS) to obtain cover under the host's EL policy.

Students are also formally recommended to join the BVA as Student Members and thereby obtain associated insurance cover.