

EMS AT LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

THE UNDERGRADUATE CLINICAL COURSE AT LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

YEAR	COURSE
Clinical Year one (3rd year)	Pathology Infectious diseases Epidemiology Public health Parasitic diseases Introductory clinical course Communication Skills
Clinical Year two (4th year)	Equine studies Livestock Health and Welfare clinical rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Assurance • Farm Animal Reproduction • Disease investigation/welfare • Public Health/laboratory diagnosis • Farm Animal Practice x 2 Small animal studies – clinical rotations Public health Course on minor client species Intramural clinical rotations
Clinical Year three (5th year)	Equine studies Livestock Health and Welfare clinical rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Assurance • Farm Animal Reproduction • Disease investigation/welfare • Public Health/laboratory diagnosis Farm Animal Practice x 2 Public health clinical rotation Elective study x 2 Small animal studies Reproduction and Productivity Beef and Sheep Health and Production Intramural clinical rotations and elective periods

AN OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF EMS AT LIVERPOOL

Clinical EMS begins in the Christmas vacation of third year. The recommended time allocation is a minimum of 6 weeks in the third year and 20 weeks over years four and five.

A placement of one week at an abattoir or two weeks of work with an OVS is the responsibility of the Department of Veterinary Pathology. All other clinical EMS is the responsibility of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Science. In the case of clinical placements, the Senior Clinical Tutor has direct responsibility for organisation, administration and student guidance. In addition, students are assigned to a Clinical Tutor during the first term of the third year.

Students are advised to spend a minimum of two weeks in any one practice and to identify for themselves a 'base practice' to which they return at intervals during the three years. It is also likely that in the final year they will be expected to spend at least four weeks with one practitioner who normally concentrates on cases within the broad field of one of the three specified areas that are examined in finals (small animals / equine / farm animal studies).

Students are provided with a booklet for Clinical EMS and are asked to consult it regularly during their placements. The Handbook gives detailed information on Liverpool Veterinary School's requirements and also provides a certain amount of advice. The Personal Record is the student's individual record of what they did and how well they performed.

For each placement the student is asked to identify a number of 'Learning Objectives' with the help of their clinical tutor. This list is forwarded to the EMS placement supervisor who is asked to discuss them (and if necessary negotiate a modified list) when the student arrives.

Students are asked to record their learning during the placement in terms of practical skills and experience gained. This includes experience in practice organisation and professional aspects as well as in clinical techniques and procedures.

SUMMARY OF INSURANCE COVER PROVIDED BY LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

The University Public Liability Policy protects the individual student from any action resulting from injury to third parties or damage to third party property arising out of a student's negligence. Where placements require proof of this cover, a signed indemnity form can be obtained from the University. However, we are aware that many practices in the UK will cover students under their own professional indemnity insurance against negligence claims.

The University Policy does not provide cover for the negligent acts of third parties, although students should be protected by the public liability insurance held by their placement. Students are encouraged to check if this is so. They are also told that they should ensure that they are covered against accidental injury, and it is recommended that they do this by taking out student membership of the BVA. This includes insurance cover for students for death and permanent disablement and personal accident during the veterinary course, including EMS.