

Specialisation Committee Vetsuisse Faculty Bern:

Residency Programme in Equine Internal Medicine

Brief description of the residency program content:

The goal of the program is to train residents as specialists in internal medicine for horses. This is achieved through direct contact with clinical cases under the supervision of an ECEIM Diplomate.

This includes:

- The admission and care of horses with colic, both conservatively and surgically treated.
- The admission and in-depth workup of cases covering the full spectrum of internal medicine, including neurology, respiratory diseases, dermatology, cardiovascular diseases, urology, endocrinology, ophthalmology, neonatology, peripartum medicine, musculoskeletal disorders, and gastrointestinal diseases (in addition to colic).
- The primary care of hospitalized medical cases, including shock patients, critically ill foals, recumbent horses, and other critical patients.
- Independently performing procedures such as carotid artery puncture for blood gas analysis, gastric intubation in adult horses and foals, rectal examinations, abdominocentesis, gastroscopy, cystoscopy, upper and lower airway endoscopy, ultrasound examinations including echocardiography, ECG analysis, organ biopsies, and cerebrospinal fluid taps.
- Attending internal and external continuing education events, conducting a project aimed at publishing the results.
- Rotations in anesthesia, radiology, pathology, as well as emergency medicine/critical care/neonatology.
- Serving as the primary on-call emergency service throughout the entire training period.

If the ECEIM curriculum is fulfilled, partial fulfillment of the FVH curriculum is possible in parallel. If time and financial resources allow, externships abroad may also be possible.

Duration and Location:

The equine internal medicine residency at the Equine Clinic (ISME) in Bern spans 3 to 4 years.

Regulations according to ECEIM

Program objective:

Achievement of the Diplomate title of the [European College of Internal Equine Medicine \(ECEIM\)](#)

Open positions:

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