Established in 2014, VETCEE has developed a general standard for structured CPD for veterinarians complemented by Dossier of Competences (DoC) for the different animal species. In collaboration with European associations with expertise in the different species has adopted so far five DoC, namely in Companion Animal Medicine, Porcine Health Management, Equine Medicine, Bovine Health and Production and Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine. VETCEE Lab Animal Science and Medicine dossier was developed in collaboration with the European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ECLAM), the European Society of Laboratory Animal Veterinarians (ESLAV) and European Veterinarians in Education, Research and Industry (EVERI). The experts of the three organizations considered the principles of the VETCEE standard as well as of the EU Education and Training Framework and Directive 2010/63, when drafting their proposal.

The VETCEE accredited programmes should consist of approximately 750 hours of blended learning equivalent to 30 ECTS - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System over a period of approximately 3 years. Candidates must hold a veterinary degree, be qualified for at least one year and have worked for a time equivalent to one year in laboratory animal medicine before enrollment to the programme.

Programmes should be structured in modules and accreditation is awarded to entire programmes. Programme providers should have a policy and associated procedures for the assurance of the quality and standards of their programmes and awards. Training and assessment of veterinarians can be delivered in the native language, but applications for the VETCEE evaluation and supporting documentation must be in English.

VETCEE only accredits programmes according to the Standard and does not award qualifications to individual candidates. Programmes have to be reevaluated every five years.

The evaluation of a programme is conducted by a panel of individual experts appointed by VETCEE Board. The panel of experts consist of at least one Chair, one academic and one practitioner with experience in laboratory animal science and medicine. All experts subject to a no-conflict and confidentiality agreement. The panel will provide a written report with recommendations to the VETCEE Board, who makes the final decision.

The programme that passes successfully the evaluation is granted the VETCEE approval logo. VETCEE Standard and DoC are under regular update in order to meet with the developments in veterinary medicine.

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