

## Residency in Dermatology: Program Specifics

Please see “House Officer Programs: General Information” for basic information common to all internship and residency programs. The following information highlights specific program requirements of the Dermatology residency program.

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**Specialty College:** American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD)

- The resident must register with the ACVD and follow their requirements. Requirements for candidate registration, certification, and credentials application, and examination are available online ([www.acvd.org](http://www.acvd.org)).
- **Progress reports:** The resident will submit annual progress reports to the ACVD per ACVD requirements.
- **Meeting attendance:** The resident will attend the NAVDF meeting and ACVD resident education forum annually when the meeting is held within the continental United States. Attending WCVD meetings will be optional unless in the continental United States. Internal funds are available to help offset some/all of these expenses. Additionally, external funds are also available for these opportunities.
- **Case reports:** By the middle of their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of residency, the resident will have submitted the case report required by the ACVD credential committee to fulfill this ACVD credential. Guidelines for these reports can be found at [www.acvd.org](http://www.acvd.org).
- **Credentials packets:** The resident will complete their credentials packet to sit the ACVD certifying examination and submit it to the ACVD Credentials Committee by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of residency.

## Clinical program requirements

| Year 1   | Year 2  | Year 3   |
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| 40 weeks of clinical duty  | 40 weeks clinical duty  | 40 weeks clinical duty   |
| 9 weeks off dermatology clinical duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 weeks clinical pathology</li> </ul> | 9 weeks off dermatology clinic duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x 2 week dermatology externship, strongly suggested</li> <li>2 weeks Oncology</li> </ul> | 9 weeks off dermatology clinic duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x 2 week dermatology externships, strongly suggested</li> <li>2 weeks Radiology (CT/MRI Focus)</li> </ul> |
| 1 week NAVDF meeting (required) – 2023 – New Orleans   | 1 week WCVD meeting (required) -2024 - Boston   | 1 week NAVDF meeting (required)- 2025 – site to be determined  |
| 2 weeks vacation   | 2 weeks vacation  | 2 weeks vacation   |

## Seminar/Rounds requirements

| Rounds type                          | Frequency | Day/Time                      | Commitment |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| HO Seminar/Case Presentation         | Weekly    | Thursdays @ 8am               | Required   |
| Dermatology Journal Club             | Weekly    | Friday @ 8am                  | Required   |
| Dermatology Textbook Review          | Weekly    | Friday @ 8am                  | Required   |
| Histopathology Review                | Weekly    | Friday @ 8am                  | Required   |
| ECG Rounds                           | Monthly   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Weds @ 8am    | Optional   |
| Radiology-Pathology (RadPath) Rounds | Monthly   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 8am | Optional   |
| Morbidity & Mortality Rounds         | Monthly   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 8am | Optional   |
| SAIM Book Club                       | Weekly    | Fridays @ 9am                 | Optional   |
| ECC Rounds                           | Weekly    | Wednesdays @ 3pm              | Optional   |
| Student Grand Rounds                 | Weekly    | Fridays @ 8am                 | Optional   |

## Requirements and research timeline

- The ACVD requires its residents to participate in scholarly activity and requires that the resident complete an original research project, present those results at one of the annual NAVDF forums (or accepted alternative when the NAVDF meeting is not held due to WCVD meetings), and publish their findings in an ACVD approved journal as part of the credentialing process to sit the ACVD certifying examination. To that end, guidelines, approved journals, and deadlines for submission of these objectives are found on the ACVD website ([www.acvd.org](http://www.acvd.org)), and a general timeline is outlined below.
- During the first year, and under the guidance and supervision of the primary mentor(s):

- The resident is expected to identify a resident research project, prepare a research proposal, and hopefully submit a written grant to the ACVD Awards Committee.
- During the second year, and under the guidance and supervision of the primary mentor(s):
  - The resident will continue to conduct their original research project as above and will complete data collection.
  - The resident with guidance and supervision will identify a possible second publication as encouraged within the ACVD approved program details.
- During the third year, and under the guidance and supervision of the primary mentor:
  - The resident will submit an original research manuscript for acceptance to one of the ACVD approved journals in compliance with ACVD credential guidelines.
  - The resident will prepare and submit an abstract for the NAVDF Forum and present their original research if still needed in accordance with the ACVD credential guidelines.

**Other program specifics that differ from ISU-CVM “House Officer Programs: General Information”**

- **Required external rotations:**
  - During the second year of residency, the resident should complete an external externship (2 weeks) approved by the primary mentor.
  - During the third year of residency, the resident should complete two external externships (2 weeks each) approved by the primary mentor.
  - Internal and external funds are available for these opportunities.