



International College of Veterinary Pharmacy

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Who are ICVP Council and committee chairs?

- Chair: Ashley Bell, PharmD, DICVP, FSVHP
- Immediate Past Chair: Emily Campbell, PharmD, DICVP, FSVHP, FACVP
- Treasurer: Amy Savarino, PharmD, DICVP, FSVHP
- Secretary: Megan Eide, PharmD, PhD, DICVP, FSVHP
- Parliamentarian: Travis Watson, PharmD, DICVP, FSVHP
- Exam Committee Chair: Emily Campbell, PharmD, DICVP, FSVHP, FACVP
- Residency Committee Chair: Travis Watson, PharmD, DICVP, FSVHP

ASHP Announcement: Summary and Key Facts

ICVP remains in good standing and is vigorously committed to our mission to support (1) the development and oversight of principles, standards, and accreditation for veterinary pharmacy training programs; and (2) the development, implementation, and oversight of a veterinary pharmacy specialty credential recognized as “Diplomate of the International College of Veterinary Pharmacy” or “DICVP”, and (3) the development, implementation, and oversight of veterinary pharmacy training programs for pharmacists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other professionals associated with veterinary pharmacy practice.

We’d like to acknowledge that ASHP’s announcement was made just a few weeks ago. While ICVP supports the growth and recognition of veterinary pharmacy and the expansion of training opportunities for pharmacists in the field of veterinary pharmacy, the ICVP council has not yet had the opportunity to develop infrastructure in the setting of 2 accreditation pathways or to compose official responses to some of the questions submitted. However, we are confident that we can work to provide clear guidance for current and future residency programs, residency directors, residents, and residency candidates. For further clarification, please see the [letter](#) issued by ICVP council on ICVP’s [website](#).

- **What is ICVP’s involvement in the ASHP accreditation process? What does ICVP think of ASHP accreditation?**

ICVP, or any of its council members or current residency directors, were not involved in the ASHP Veterinary Residency Task Force for the PGY1 ASHP Accreditation pathway. While we are excited for opportunities that expand the footprint of veterinary pharmacy, this announcement leaves many unanswered questions for ICVP and SVHP members.

- **What is the impact on current ICVP programs and residencies?**

The announcement of the ASHP accreditation pathway does not affect or preclude operations of ICVP. ICVP remains committed to continued development of veterinary pharmacy and veterinary pharmacists. The

recent announcement of ASHP does not alter or diminish the mission or operations of ICVP. Our organization remains in good standing, and we remain actively engaged in all our core initiatives.

- **I'm interested in developing a residency program for my university. What guidance can you share on how to get started with ICVP? How does the ASHP announcement impact new programs?**

Pharmacists interested in pursuing ICVP Accreditation for new or existing residency programs can reach out to the ICVP Residency Committee Chair, Travis Watson (wmdtms@ufl.edu) to request an application packet. The packet includes all application forms, ICVP Residency Standards, and ICVP Residency Regulations for Accreditation.

ASHP's announcement does not impact ICVP's business of accreditation for new and existing programs, nor does it have an impact on current residents of ICVP Accredited Programs. ICVP's Residency Regulations and Standards remain unchanged as well.

- **How does the cost of an ICVP residency accreditation compare to an ASHP residency?**

- ICVP Accreditation Fees are 1 time application fee of \$1000 and \$500 reaccreditation fee every 5 years
- ASHP Pre-Candidate: 2026 application fee: \$1,600, Annual fee: \$4025
- ASHP Candidate, Accredited, Conditional: \$5,000 annually

The ICVP residency accreditation and re-accreditation fees support infrastructure to maintain, evaluate and support the residency programs and current residents.

- **Will ICVP and ASHP residencies fall into the same application pool/match process?; Can I apply to both types of residencies? Going forward, how does this affect pharmacy students applying to residency programs? How does this change the process for students seeking veterinary pharmacy residency in 2026?**

ASHP residencies participate in PhORCAS match ranking system. Only ASHP residency programs are permitted to participate in the PhORCAS match ranking system and are required to participate in the PhORCAS match ranking system. ICVP Residencies participate in a separate third-party match system.

We encourage you to apply to all programs that you feel would meet your individual professional goals. ICVP does not yet have an answer for how the match will be handled. Historically, ICVP has made it a priority to complete the application, interview, and match process ahead of the PhORCAS Match Rank deadline for the benefit of applicants also applying for human ASHP PGY1 programs in order to make important professional training decisions with as much information as possible. We acknowledge that the addition of ASHP-Accredited Veterinary Pharmacy residency programs complicates the match process for applicants.

ICVP is unaware if any ASHP veterinary residencies will be recruiting for the upcoming 2026-2027 year.

- **How does one attain DICVP? Will ASHP residents be eligible to sit for Board exams?**

ASHP Residents are not eligible for DICVP examination immediately upon successful completion of their program. The eligibility requirements to sit for the DICVP certification exam are as follows:

- Be a graduate of a college of pharmacy approved or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs or an international pharmacy school equivalent.
- Be licensed in good standing as a pharmacist to practice in the state or province or country of residence.
- Demonstrate 10,000 hours of acceptable work in a veterinary institution practicing pharmacy, OR 5 continuous years of acceptable employment in a veterinary institution practicing pharmacy; OR successful completion of an ICVP-accredited veterinary pharmacy residency or fellowship program.

- **Who are the exam writers?**

Exam writers are individuals who have completed DICVP board certification and have specific interest and expertise in a DICVP module or learning objective.

While not specifically hidden or secret, the identity exam writers and module captains (graders) are not made publicly available to safeguard these individuals and to prevent bias or influence. In the event of disagreement, these individuals are not subject to potential harassment and all disputes are handled by the exam committee directly, with communication channeled through the Exam Committee Chair. Additionally, given historical exam structure, this also supported all exam questions and assessment submissions to be channeled through the Exam Committee Chair in order to maintain organization and accurate record keeping.

In the new exam format, exam committee members will work collaboratively on all exam development, maintenance, and validation.

- **Do exam writers get paid for their work?**

No positions within the organization (SVHP or ICVP) are paid. All positions including council and exam committee members are volunteers.

The exam fees support infrastructure to maintain and administer the exam as well as residency scholarships and plaques.

- **How do I get involved in writing exam questions?**

Reach out to the Examination Committee Chair, Emily Campbell (elsorah@ncsu.edu) if you are interested in writing or reviewing exam questions.

The exam committee is made up of current DICVP's. Board certification is required to participate in exam maintenance and development.

Questions not under the purview of ICVP:

- **At Texas A&M, The VMTH Pharmacy is not a licensed pharmacy and a Texas pharmacy license is not required. Is it necessary to graduate from an accredited School of Pharmacy? Is the residency open to international pharmacists?**

ICVP cannot answer this question for Texas A&M. Per ICVP Standard:

- “The resident *should* be a graduate of an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)-accredited Doctor of Pharmacy degree program”
- The applicant must be licensed, or be licensed within a short period after arrival (not to exceed 90 days), in the state or jurisdiction in which the residency program is conducted. *Consequences of failure to obtain appropriate licensure must be addressed as a policy issue by the organization conducting the residency.*

- **Why did NC State choose to switch to a two-year residency program? Also, will recruitment stay yearly or switch to every other year?**

NC State did not switch to a 2-year residency program. NC State’s ICVP accreditation is for a 1-year post graduate training program. The most current online application states “This is a two-year program” in error and is being corrected.

- **Are other programs that aren't recruiting this year planning to open going forward?**

The recruiting status of each program (outside of accreditation status) is not under the purview of ICVP. The most common reason for lapses in recruitment of programs with accreditation in good standing is lack of funding. Parties interested in applying for programs not currently recruiting should reach out to the individual program director.

- **Are there any other residency programs on the horizon?**

ICVP is continuously accepting applications from programs seeking ICVP accreditation.

Further questions can be submitted to the ICVP Chair, Ashley Bell (ambell2@ncsu.edu).