

Information on Academic Programs in Avian Medicine

The following list of universities in the U.S. and Canada offer organized post-DVM and non-DVM programs in avian medicine. Graduate student numbers listed are the average numbers of students in residence at one time. Schools marked with an asterisk offer approved training programs for Board Certification by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Alabama - Vet Diag Lab, Auburn Univ. P.O. Box 2209, Auburn, AL 36831 (MS and PhD programs, 1 avian faculty, 1 grad student)

***Arkansas** - Dept Poultry Sci, Univ of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701 (residency, 5 faculty)

***California** - (1) Dept of Epidemiology and Preventative Med, School of Vet Med, Univ of California, Davis, CA 95611; (2) California Animal Health and Food Safety Lab System, Univ of California, P.O. Box 1522, Turlock, CA 95381 (residency, MS and PhD programs, 10 avian faculty, 10 grad students)

Canada - (1) Dept of Pathobiology, Ontario Vet Coll, Univ of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1 (MS, PhD and DVSc programs, 4 avian faculty); (2) Dept of Pathobiology, Western Coll of Vet Med, Univ of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (MS, PhD programs, 3 avian faculty, 4 grad students)

Connecticut - Dept of Pathobiology and Veterinary Sciences, Univ of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269-3089 (residency, MS and PhD programs, 3 avian faculty, 6 grad students)

Delaware - Dept of Animal Sci and Food Sci, Univ of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717 (MS and PhD programs, 9 avian faculty, 20 grad students)

Florida - Poultry Med Lab, Coll of Vet Med, Univ of Florida, Box 100136, Gainesville, FL 32610 (MS and PhD programs, 1 avian faculty, 2 grad students)

***Georgia** - Poultry Diag and Res Center, Coll of Vet Med, Univ of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-4875 (Master of Avian Med, MS, and PhD programs, 12 avian faculty, 15-20 grad students)

Indiana - Dept of Pathobiology, School of Vet Med, Purdue Univ, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1243 (residency, MS and PhD programs, 4 avian faculty, 1 grad student)

Michigan - Dept Vet Path and Animal Health Diag, Coll of Vet Med, Michigan State Univ, B646 W Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1315 (MS and PhD programs, 9 avian faculty, 3-5 grad students)

***Minnesota** - Avian Res Center, Coll of Vet Med, Univ of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108 (MS and PhD programs, 6 avian faculty, 8-15 grad students)

***Mississippi** - Coll of Vet Med, Box 9825, Mississippi State Univ, Mississippi State, MS 39762 (MS and PhD programs, 2.5 avian faculty, 3 grad students)

New York - Unit of Avian Health, Dept of Micro and Immunol, Coll of Vet Med, Cornell Univ, Ithaca, NY 14853 (MS and PhD programs, 4 avian faculty)

***North Carolina** - Dept of Farm Animal Health and Resource Mgmt, Coll of Vet Med, North Carolina State Univ, Raleigh, NC 27606 (combined residency and Master of Spec Vet Med, MS, and PhD programs, 6 avian faculty, 4 grad students)

***Ohio** - Food Animal Health and Res Prog, Ohio State Univ, Ohio Agricultural Res and Dev Center, Wooster, OH 44691 (MS and PhD programs, 3 avian faculty, 8 grad students)

***Pennsylvania** - Avian Med and Path, Univ of Pennsylvania, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, PA 19348 (residency, 3 avian faculty)

***Virginia** - Dept of Large Animal Clin Sci, Virginia-Maryland Regional Coll of Vet Med, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061 (3-yr combined MS/residency, PhD program, 4 avian faculty, 2 grad students)

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If you are not a member of the AAAP but would like to join, fill out this application for membership and mail it to us. If you are a AAAP member but know of someone who is not, please pass it along.

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If a student, expected year of graduation _____

Degree Program _____

Institution _____

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Introduction

This brochure was designed to increase awareness of the benefits of membership in AAAP and the future of personnel demands, opportunities for career development, and rewards available in the field of avian medicine. It is aimed at veterinary and graduate students, veterinarians undergoing career changes, and those entering the field on a full- or part-time basis. Graduate training programs, which prepare persons for employment in the avian health and agribusiness fields, are detailed.

The American Association of Avian Pathologists

Our association is composed of about 1000 professionals dealing with poultry health. The principle functions of the AAAP and its members include:

- * improving avian health within the poultry industry,
- * serving as a forum for exchange of research information, disease incidence data, and poultry industry communications by sponsoring annual national and regional scientific conferences of avian diseases,
- * publishing a journal, *Avian Diseases*, texts, *Diseases of Poultry*, *Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens*, *Avian Disease Manual*, *Avian Histopathology*, slide study sets, videotapes, and various proceedings and manuals,
- * encouraging advancements in poultry health sciences by promoting university, governmental, and corporate research,
- * providing educational opportunities for veterinary students interested in poultry through the Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship program.

Membership Categories

Member: Must be a permanent resident of North, Central, or South America or the Caribbean Islands, a graduate of a veterinary college, and if a U.S. resident, a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Associate Member: May be a veterinarian residing in the U.S. and not be a member of the AVMA, or a person without a degree in veterinary medicine who is involved in or has made contributions to avian health.

International Associate Member: A person who lives outside the designated regions but is involved in some area of avian health.

Student Member: A person enrolled in a veterinary medical degree program or a graduate student who is working in the field of avian health.

Benefits from Membership in AAAP

For more than 40 years our dues have supported a variety of activities:

- * Publications: Membership in AAAP includes a subscription to *Avian Diseases*, a widely circulated quarterly journal.
- * Newsletter: A newsletter provides information about scientific meetings, positions available and wanted, announcements, updates and changes in issues that have an impact on avian health and the poultry industry.
- * Meetings: AAAP helps to sponsor educational programs, such as the annual national and four yearly regional conferences.

- * Committees: Members operate AAAP through committees that interact with national organizations and state and federal agencies, and help make and shape national policies and decisions, regarding research and disease control priorities.
- * Awards: Members are recognized for outstanding service and exceptional achievements in research and diagnosis of avian disease.
- * Directory: This handy resource lists members' names, addresses, telephone numbers, and primary area(s) of expertise.

Employment Opportunities in Poultry Medicine

There is a broad range of employment opportunities in the worldwide poultry industry. This wide spectrum of alternatives allows matching of individual interests to specific career options in a progressive agricultural science. These include:

- * Clinically oriented technical services and health management positions in allied industries, such as pharmaceutical or biologics companies, or breeder and poultry production companies, frequently involves field work, opportunities for travel, and "trouble shooting" medical problems.
- * Diagnostic laboratories with responsibility to the poultry industry are run by corporations, poultry trade associations, universities, state and federal governments.
- * Education of students at undergraduate, veterinary professional, and postgraduate levels offer attractive and rewarding careers for professionals with specialized training in avian-related fields.

- * Research activities span the whole spectrum of employment opportunities in avian medicine, including university, governmental, and industrial positions in both applied and basic research.
- * Federal and state poultry inspection services bear primary responsibility for protection of the food supply.



Education for Careers in Poultry Medicine

Specialized post-DVM training in avian medicine is the routine path allowing a basic veterinary medical education to be turned into a career in avian diseases. A few universities in North America offer clinical education programs in applied avian medicine, which average 1-2 years. Research programs in the field of avian medicine which do not always require a DVM, may result in MS or PhD degrees in the field of genetics, pathology, microbiology, virology, or parasitology. Each type of program has a unique character and prepares participants for slightly different career experience, so students interested in avian medicine have varied opportunities.