



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

International Graduate: An “international veterinary graduate” is one whose veterinary degree is conferred by a recognized school of veterinary medicine outside the United States or Canada that is not accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Recognized: A “recognized” school is one that is recognized by the government of its country and renders its graduates eligible to practice in that country, OR, one that is recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Certified Copy: A copy of an original document imprinted with an official stamp or seal from the source or notary which validates its authenticity.

Official: Original documents produced by the source, with a stamp or raised seal to verify authenticity.

Evaluated Clinical Experience: PAVE candidates must satisfactorily complete, at a minimum, the clinical rotations under conditions and academic standards required of all other students in the DVM program for that particular school of veterinary medicine.

Accredited: Accreditation is a process by which an educational institution or program submits to a voluntary, non-governmental review to determine whether it meets accepted standards of quality. Within veterinary medicine, the American Veterinary Medical Association’s (AVMA) Council on Education (COE) develops standards and conducts reviews of DVM or equivalent educational programs.

Non-accredited: A veterinary school which is not accredited by the AVMA’s COE.

Licensing Board: The state governmental agencies that have been given statutory authority over practitioners in the veterinary profession

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