



College of Veterinary Medicine  
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LMU-CVM Clinical Year Program – FAQ

<https://www.lmunet.edu/academics/schools/college-of-veterinary-medicine/clinical-year/overview>

## *Teach commonly seen conditions uncommonly well*

Lincoln Memorial University-College of Veterinary Medicine (LMU-CVM) is seeking interested clinical affiliate partners that may wish to learn more about LMU-CVM and participate in the LMU-CVM clinical year.

LMU-CVM is advancing a community based hybrid distributed educational model in which premier institutions partner in the education of future veterinarians. Prepared fourth year veterinary students rotate through select, high quality clinical affiliate sites where they obtain real world learning experiences from highly qualified veterinarians and other professionals.

LMU-CVM is situated in the tristate area of TN, VA and KY with LMU-CVM being located on the LMU main campus in Harrogate, TN, with additional academic facilities a short 15 minute drive away in nearby Lee County, VA. LMU is a private, non-profit institution that was established in 1897 with the LMU-CVM opening in 2014.

LMU-CVM is the newest veterinary college in the US and is a traditional four year DVM program. Most LMU-CVM students have undergraduate degrees with some holding advanced degrees. Students' pre-clinical preparation occurs on the LMU-CVM campus in TN & VA for three years culminating in the students fourth year, the clinical year. There are over 400 veterinary students in the LMU-CVM program with students representing over 40 U.S. states and territories. In the three preclinical years, LMU-CVM students receive extensive instruction in the various disciplines mirroring what occurs in most veterinary schools. Additionally, students receive regular **hands-on** instruction and practice in clinical and professional skills labs covering clinical procedure **skill refinement, business, communications, team building and leadership training**. Students also learn about veterinary medicine careers that impact human and animal health - One Health.

## *The LMU-CVM Curriculum designed to graduate competent, confident, career-ready, productive veterinarians.*

LMU-CVM is building collaborative relationships with various clinical year program partners – a list of current program partners, over 200 in number, may be found at: <https://www.lmunet.edu/academics/schools/college-of-veterinary-medicine/clinical-year/clinical-affiliates-map>. Geographic accumulation of practices in TN (Nashville, Knoxville-Chattanooga), KY (Louisville, Lexington-Northern KY-Cincinnati) and Western NY (Buffalo) are current LMU-CVM hub education centers. More LMU-CVM hub education centers are planned for the future. In their fourth year, students in the LMU-CVM program go out in to real-life learning opportunities as part of their clinical education and training. As far as a clinical affiliate site is concerned, the 4 week clinical year rotation by 4<sup>th</sup> year students in the LMU-CVM program would be similar to what most veterinary practices consider an externship. What makes a 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical rotation in the LMU-CVM program a bit different is that LMU-CVM oversees the student extensively during their clinical rotation using electronic means of communications and oversight. Students, not the clinical affiliate doctors and staff, are responsible for keeping student electronic records up-to-date. In addition to having students participate in 4 week experiences, participating practices would need to agree to evaluate students at the beginning of their second week and at the completion of their rotation (week 4).





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Participation in the LMU-CVM clinical year program includes the following potential benefits to participating practices:

- Showcase their institution as one of a small and exclusive group of Community Based Hybrid Distributed Teaching Hospital Clinical Sites
- Ability to evaluate potential future employees in a four week clinical setting
- Share their passion, skills, and knowledge with future veterinarians
- Gain intellectual stimulation by learning from students and LMU-CVM faculty on the latest veterinary findings
- Gain access to university faculty, training, teaching, and reference resources
- Share, learn and grow with their team
- Potentially eligible to receive an honorarium (if a specialty practice or delivering a core clinical experience in an area defined as an LMU-CVM hub – a geographic concentration of practices)
- Adjunct faculty appointment qualified.
- Ability to impact the future direction of veterinary medicine.

Persons interested in learning more about LMU, LMU-CVM and the LMU-CVM clinical year program should contact: Dr. John Weale at [LMUCVM.ClinicalRelations@LMU.net](mailto:LMUCVM.ClinicalRelations@LMU.net) or 423-869-6009. We look forward hearing from those that may be interested in learning more about LMU-CVM!

**The Lincoln Memorial University-College of Veterinary Medicine Clinical Year Curriculum**

The LMU-CVM Curriculum consists of 44 weeks of hands-on clinical experiences comprising 11 four week rotations with the following make-up:

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| 1. Small Animal Clinical Practice                          | 4. Veterinary Diagnostic Medicine – UK-VDL Lexington |
| 2. Specialty and Referral Practices – Large & Small Animal | 5. LMU Clinical Rotation – LMU-CVM                   |
| 3. SA Primary Care/Shelter – Buffalo NY or Louisville KY   | 6. Mixed/Large Animal Practice                       |
|  | 7. Elective Clinical Rotations                       |

