

Chapter 68. Board of Veterinary Examiners.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 68.230(b) is amended to read:

(b) **Not less than two-thirds** [NO MORE THAN ONE-THIRD] of the total continuing education contact hours required under this chapter **must be in medical programs** [MAY BE IN NONSCIENTIFIC TOPICS].

12 AAC 68.230 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) For the purposes of this section, medical programs include

(1) medical and surgical topics that are evidence-based, including the science of diagnosis, treatment, prevention of disease, and conditions relating directly to patients;

(2) topics in veterinary science that are not specifically clinical in nature but consider the comprehensive range of the practice of veterinary medicine or the practice of a veterinary technician or technologist, including topics related to One Health and public veterinary practice, epidemiology, food safety, public health, animal welfare, antimicrobial stewardship, and in-service training for publicly employed veterinary medical professionals;

(3) medical and surgical subject matter that is case-based, anecdotal, or undergoing scientific investigation; and

(4) programs discussing topics considered integrative, alternative, or complementary, if designed for an audience of veterinary professionals.

(d) Not more than one-third of the total continuing education contact hours required under this chapter may be in non-medical topics.

(e) For the purposes of this section, non-medical topics may include

- (1) practice management;
- (2) regulatory compliance;
- (3) jurisprudence;
- (4) medical records;
- (5) software management;
- (6) the art of veterinary practice;
- (7) communication;
- (8) veterinary ethics; and
- (9) subjects that improve the licensee's professional wellness including

(A) diversity, equity, and inclusion principles; and

(B) mental health, depression, compassion fatigue, burnout, or suicidal ideation. (Eff. 4/22/83, Register 86; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 10/21/92, Register 124; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 8/10/2012, Register 203; am 7/1/2022, Register 242; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

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