

Sponsors

University of Minnesota

College of Veterinary Medicine

College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

Extension Service

Swine Center

Thank you to **IDEXX Laboratories** for their financial support to reproduce the conference proceeding book.

Production Assistant

Janice Storebo

Formatting

Tina Smith

CD-ROM

David Brown

Logo Design

Ruth Cronje, and Jan Swanson;
based on the original design by Dr. Robert Dunlop

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, or sexual orientation.

Pursuing American Board of Veterinary Practitioner (ABVP) certification in swine health management

James A Kober, DVM, MS, Diplomate ABVP-SHM
Swine representative to ABVP council of regents

Applicant requirements

- A. Graduate of AVMA accredited/approved college of veterinary medicine, certificate from educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates, or licensed to practice in the US or other country.
- B. High moral and professional character.
- C. Background in swine medicine and production in one of the following ways:
 - a. At least three years in swine practice.
 - b. Completion of PhD in a swine related area.
 - c. Completion of an MS degree, plus at least one year swine practice.

Entry application requirements

- A. Entry application from ABVP (www.ABVP.com)
- B. Submit application with \$100 prior to sitting for entry exam.
- C. Sit for entry examination, given each year at the annual AASV meeting in early spring. The test is multiple choice and will cover all areas of swine health and production, including reproduction, growth, mortality, economics, epidemiology, disease diagnosis/treatment/prevention, environment, country specific regulatory issues, and animal welfare.
- D. Applicants who fail may retake the exam in succeeding years with the same process as previous attempts (application + \$100).

Certification process

- A. Following passing the entry exam, the candidate must select an advisor approved by the swine health management committee. Each applicant will complete a plan of study developed in collaboration with the advisor.
- B. Three publications are required. Two case reports must be written in the ABVP style outlined in the ABVP application packet. The third must be accepted for publication in a referred journal.
- C. Upon completion of the course of study, the applicant must submit the completed application packet along

with a letter from the advisor detailing the completion of the course of study. The application must be received with the application fee by January 15, 14 months before the time of sitting for the examination. The completed application will be reviewed by the credentials committee. The candidate will be notified by July 1 if the application and publications are complete and accepted. The candidate will have four years to pass all parts of the examination after passing the entry examination.

- D. The applicant must complete and pass the certification examination. The certification exam is also administered at the annual AASV meeting in the early spring. The exam is designed to test problem solving skills as well as written and verbal communication skills. The exam will include oral questions and essay questions, and will cover: pre-clinical sciences; medical, surgical, diagnostic and management techniques; and the practical application of these areas in swine health management using a problem solving format.
- E. Recertification is required every ten years. There are several ways to re-certify. See details at (www.ABVP.com).

Timeline/costs

- Swine entry exam: application due **Jan 15**; \$100.
- Entry Exam, Saturday morning of annual AASV meeting.
- Application/credentials: due **Jan 15** for exam following year; \$330. Example: Application packet completed by Jan 15, 2008 to sit for exam given at AASV meeting 2009.
- Examination fee: **Aug 1**; \$440.
- Re-certification:
 - by alternative method- packet and fee due **Jan 15**; \$275.
 - by re-examination- fee due **Aug 1**; \$440.
- Annual Diplomate fee- \$220.

Timeline for successful passage of AVBP board certification in swine health management

(NOTE: timeline year runs from *March to February*)

Year 1 (March-February)

March-Start

- Successfully pass entry exam given each year at AASV meeting.
- Start working on credentials
 - Case reports/publication
 - Curriculum vitea, letters of recommendations

Year 2 (March-February)

- Continue to work on credentials

Year 3 (March-February)

January

- **All credentials are due by January 15th of year 3 (34 months after passing entry exam)**

Year 4 (or before)

- Sit for ABVP certification exam at annual AASV meeting, 48 months after passing entry exam and 14 months after credentials submitted.

	March	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	January	Feb	March
Start year #1	Pass entry exam												End year #1
Start year #2													End year #2
Start year #3											Credentials due Jan 15		End year #3
Start year #4													End year #4 Sit for qualifying exam

1. Pass entry exam at AASV meeting
2. Take qualifying exam by the end of the fourth year after passing entry exam
3. In order to sit for the qualifying exam by the end of the fourth year, credentials must be submitted January 15th of the third year
4. Timeline: submit credentials 34 months after passing entry exam, (14 months before sitting for qualifying exam)
5. You may submit credentials (must be accepted) and sit for exam earlier if you wish

