Department: Large Animal Clinical Sciences

Clerkship Title: Veterinary Preceptorship

Course #: LCS 677 Credits: 3 Type: Elective

Prerequisites: LCS 620 or LCS 621 or LCS 630 or LCS 631

Re-enrollment: Not allowed

Course Moderator: Dr. Kopcha

Faculty: Adjunct Clinical Faculty (private veterinary practitioners throughout Michigan); Faculty Liaisons (LCS campus faculty)

Course Objectives: To provide students advanced experience in large animal practice, either equine or food animal, emphasizing actual practice situations in a focused area of clinical expertise. Within that context and with assistance from the course coordinator, students develop their own specific course objectives.

Course Content: The student will accompany and assist the preceptor in clinical practice as it relates to the course objectives as outlined by the student. This may include development of advanced skills in diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases, advanced understanding of business practices, focus on nutrition, reproduction, herd-based medicine etc.

Duties of Student: Students will arrange a PRE-CLERKSHIP meeting with their practice’s campus liaison AT LEAST 3 WEEKS before their clerkship begins. Students are required to keep a daily log (see Daily Activity Log information sheet) of each individual animal health or management problem encountered during the clerkship. The last page in the log must be initialed by the attending veterinarian and the log must be submitted to the program secretary at the end of the rotation.

Students are also required to complete a detailed written assignment that discusses how the course objectives were met. This is based on the written objectives as recorded on the student’s preceptorship profile.

Students must complete an evaluation of the rotation (Evaluation of Practice and Practitioners form). This form should be submitted, along with the Student Progress Report, Daily Activity Log, Daily Activity Summary Form, Student Participation Summary form, and Written Assignment to the program secretary on the first Monday after the completion of the veterinary preceptorship clerkship. The program secretary will contact students when all material has been forwarded to the liaison. Students must then contact the liaison within two weeks after receiving notification to arrange for their post clerkship meeting.

Evaluation of Student's Performance: A Student Progress Report form is provided with each student packet for recording the student's progress at the end of the first week of the rotation. This form is to be signed by the supervising veterinarian and the student, certifying that the student has been informed of his/her progress in the rotation. The course coordinator or faculty liaison will also contact the supervising veterinarian at the end of the first week of the rotation to get an oral report of the student's progress and identify potential problems in performance that would necessitate a meeting of the student, the veterinarian, the faculty liaison, and the course coordinator.

Within one week after completion of the rotation, the supervising veterinarian must submit the Evaluation of Student Performance form with the final grade to the program secretary. Students are graded on the Pass, Pass with Reservation, or Fail system (Pass-No Grade as per the University category).

Required Texts or Reading Assignments: As assigned by the supervising veterinarians(s).

Suggested References: As suggested by the supervising veterinarian(s) and/ or campus liaison.

Equipment Needed: As determined by the supervising veterinarian(s).

Dress/Attire: As determined by the supervising veterinarian(s).

Local Housing: Housing arrangements in the vicinity of the practice are to be made in conjunction with the supervising veterinarian. The cost of the housing, if not provided by the practice, is the student's responsibility.