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MEDICINE FACULTY

STUDENTS HANDBOOK

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Zoaka A. Hassan (Ag. Provost)

FORWORD

This edition of the College of Veterinary Surgeons, Public Heath and Preventive Medicine Faculty Handbook is an updated version that buttresses the much needed clinical training in order to provide sound and focused services to the community in multidisciplinary areas.

There is the addition of two Specialty areas to the existing ones making it four specialty areas: Public health, Food Safety, Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine with accompanying courses.

The handbook is self-explanatory with inclusion of clearer course codes and titles arranged according to the year of study irrespective of point of entry.

Residents are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with the contents of the Handbook as information is adequately detailed. However, in the event of more clarifications, the head of Faculty, Study Centre Supervisors and the Coordinators' contacts are provided.

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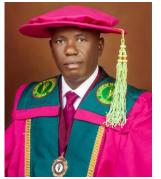
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PART 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 BRIEF HISTORY OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSION

The Veterinary profession in its present modern form can be traced back to the first Veterinary College in Lyon, France established in the year 1762. The record has it that once it was created it was known to provide scientific and professional training for comparative medicine. Hence, many ministries of Health in Europe started sending their human doctors to study the 'new medicine'. The idea is that medicine is one – human and animal; but that Veterinary Medicine is comparative medicine, more comprehensive and more demanding of efforts and resources. Veterinary Medicine is also capable of satisfying both social and economic needs of human society, through animal and human health protection, determination of animal welfare needs, promotion of human practices and unique contribution of essential knowledge for the maintenance of environmental sanitation and sanity in civilized human communities.

In Nigeria however, the first British/colonial Veterinary Surgeons started operating modern veterinary practice and giving essential services about the time the First World War began in 1914. Their mandate was not just the promotion of animal health, but also the practice of systematic animal husbandry for the production of food of animal origin, especially meat, milk and other dairy products for human consumption in war time Nigeria. By 1948, a school for the training of professional Veterinary Surgeons was established in Vom in the present Plateau State of the country. Twelve (12), Veterinary Faculties have so far been established between the mid-1960s to date in the country. They are located in the University of Ibadan, Ibadan; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; University of Nigeria, Nsukka; University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri; Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto; University of Abuja, University of Ilorin, University of Jos, University of Benin, Universities of Agriculture of Makurdi, Abeokuta and Umudike, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi as well as Bayero University Kano. However, considering that the programmes in these faculties basically constitute an academically inclined approach to the professional curriculum, it has become necessary to start a more professionally structured postgraduate programme in Nigeria as in other leading countries of the world.

1.2 GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 1.2.1. To be admitted into the Fellowship of the College in any Specialty/Option of Faculty:
 - i. The candidate must hold a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree or its equivalent recognized by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN).
 - ii. The candidate must be registered with the VCN for the purpose of practicing Veterinary Medicine in Nigeria
 - iii. The candidate must have flair in the area of interest as evidenced by his/her score in the subject area during the DVM training or post-DVM professional experience.
 - iv. The candidate must have had at least 3 years Council registration.
 - v. Additional qualifications in relevant areas may be an added advantage. Each Faculty

shall determine the extent of such advantage especially in terms of courses to be covered.

- vi. The candidate must submit an NYSC certificate or evidence of exemption.
- vii. Any Faculty may identify peculiar additional criteria appropriate to that Faculty.
- viii. Candidates must present transcript of academic performance adjudged suitable for admission into comparable postgraduate or similar professional programmes.
- ix. Candidate must be recommended by at least two Fellows of the College, who shall attest to the candidate's professional experience and conduct.
- 1.2.2 To be admitted directly into the third year of the Fellowship programme of the College, the candidate <u>must</u> have, in addition, a postgraduate degree or an equivalent qualification in the relevant Faculty.

1.3 AWARD OF COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

For consideration of the award of a Postgraduate Fellowship Diploma, the candidate must satisfy all academic requirements prescribed by the College.

1.3.1 Regular Fellowship:

This Fellowship is awarded to Residents who have undergone the mandatory College tutelage as outlined in the College prospectus.

1.3.2 Discretionary Fellowship:

The College may, on the recommendation of the Senate, award Discretionary Fellowship Diploma, to Senior Veterinarians such as Professors of at least 15 years; Chief Veterinary Officer of the Federation, Registrar of the Veterinary Council and State Directors of Veterinary Services who have contributed to the development of the College and Veterinary Medicine, and subject to fulfilling conditions to be set by the Senate.

1.3.3 Honorary Fellowship:

The College may, on the recommendation of the Senate award Honorary Fellowship (Honoris causa) to persons of distinction in academia or the Community, who are not Veterinary Surgeons but have contributed significantly to the development of Veterinary Medicine

The holder of a Diploma awarded by the College shall be entitled to the status of a: -

- (a) Fellow, in the Specialty
- (b) Consultant, in the Specialty

Certificate of Postgraduate Fellowship Diploma of the College, shall be as prescribed by the Board and shall bear the seal of the College signatures of the Provost, the Secretary and date.

1.4 TRAINING AND EXAMINATION

1.4.1 Duration of Training

The minimum duration before enrolment for the Fellowship training is 3 years post-DVM qualification. All programmes are to run on part-time basis, provided the mandatory course Credit Units as specified by each Faculty are met. The minimum and maximum periods for the training of Fellowship is 5 and 8 years, respectively.

1.4.2 Examinations

Examinations are to be administered at the end of each year of the programme.

- (a) Each examination shall consist of written, oral and practical components as appropriate.
- (b) All examinations shall be unified but venues decentralised.
- (c) There shall be an oral PowerPoint project presentation based on each Faculty's minimum, prescribed number of case reports, which must be published in recognized journals (preferably institutional or national association journals) by each Resident.

1.4.3 Credit Units

The credit units for the two categories are as follows:

The total credit units for each year of study shall be as prescribed in the prospectus for the corresponding Faculty and Specialty.

1.4.4. Examination Results

(a) For each examination, 50% is a pass mark.

No candidate shall be allowed to attempt any examination for more than three times. Thereafter, such a candidate shall be withdrawn from the programme. For a Resident to remain in the programme, he/she must either register after paying the prescribed fees or obtain a valid deferment.

1.4.5 Other Training Requirements

- (a) All candidates for examinations shall produce evidence of participation in the training course certified by their respective supervisors.
- (b) In all examination continuous assessment of students should form part of the result and should constitute 30 40% of the total score.

1.4.6 Training and Residency

There shall be a compulsory first and second semester period of a minimum of twelve weeks each, every academic session. The Clinic activity of the Residents shall be documented in a log book signed by the designated supervisor.

The training programme of the College for the Faculties shall comprise of:

- a) 12 weeks of virtual (online) facilitation in the first semester.
- b) 12 weeks of virtual (online) facilitation in the second semester.
- c) 4 weeks on on-campus residency in the Study Centre in September
- d) 12 weeks of Clinic activity (min 16hrs weekly) in the first semester at an approved Clinical Training Centre (CTC)
- e) 12 weeks of Clinic activity (min 16hrs weekly) in the second semester at an approved Clinical Training Centre (CTC)

1.5 PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATION AND EXAMINATION BOARD

1.5.1 Board of Examiners

There shall be a Board of examiners whose members must be Fellows of the Faculty. No College Resident shall be eligible to serve as a Facilitator or examiner. This is without prejudice to the appointment of recognized and professional Consultants in special cases at the discretion of the Faculty.

1.5.2 Supervisory Committee

The Resident will be assigned to a Supervisory Diplomate (Supervisor) in the 4th year of study. The Supervisor of the candidate shall in accordance with College (CVSN) Senate review or approve guidelines often submit from the respective Faculty panels for consideration and submission to the College Board for its consideration and final determination.

1.5.3 Resident's Mentor

Each Resident shall consult and obtain consent of a Senior Fellow who shall serve as his/her mentor throughout the duration of the study.

The Mentor shall be responsible for monitoring the Resident's training programme based on the curricular objectives, ascertainable experience as well as needs of the candidate. The training programme must be compatible with teaching, clinical and laboratory services, as well as research activities of the Faculty. The proportion of time needed to rotate (where required) through the component areas of training programme shall be determined by the Mentor and Centre Supervisors.

1.5.3 Academic programme Delivery

Online Lectures/Facilitation:

Lectures shall be online on the corresponding Faculty's Teams or Zoom platform. A back-up video class is also available on the College Learning Management system (LMS) serving as a backup.

1.5.3 College Senate

The Senate of the College from time to time shall inspect and determine the status of the facilities and personnel for the College programmes through the evaluation of the submissions and visits by the Senate inspection teams.

1.6 VENUES AND AVAILABLE FACILITIES

1.6.1 General Facilities

- (a) Faculties/ Colleges of Veterinary Medicine.
- (b) VTH clinical and ambulatory facilities
- (c) Diagnostic Laboratory support services including NVRI, Vom.
- (d) Selected Government and private veterinary hospitals.
- (e) University and government farms
- (f) Private livestock and poultry farms
- (g) Appropriate teaching and research equipment.

1.6.2 Personnel

- (a) Academic Staff who are Fellows of the College.
- (b) Fellows of other related disciplines such as Human Medicine
- (c) Guest lectures/trainers

1.6.3 Venues:

A. College Central Administration:

The Central administration of the College is currently hosted in the Veterinary Council of Nigeria building. The offices of all Principal Officers of the college are located in the VCN Building.

Activities:

- i. Coordination of all College activities.
- ii. Management of College finances.
- iii. College Secretariate handling all College correspondences.
- iv. Central coordination of examinations
- v. Central coordination of virtual lectures/facilitation.
- vi. Convocation.

B. College Study Centres:

College Study Centres are administrative Centres for the coordination of selected college activities in the various location around the country. There are currently 8 Study Centres as presented in the accompanying table and the Specialties supervised by these Centres. Additional Study Centres may however be approved over time as the need arises.

Activities of each Faculty at the Centre are coordinated by the Faculty Study Centre Supervisor. The Supervisors along with the corresponding VTH Director constitute the Study Centre Management Committee chaired by the VTH Directed and assisted by the Chairman/Chairperson of the Supervisors.

Table 1: Study Centres of the College of Veterinary Surgeons Nigeria (CVSN)

S/No	Study Centre	Faculty	Option/Specialty			
	·	•	Clinical Pharmacology &			
		Medicine	Toxicology			
			Large Animal Medicine			
			Small Animal Medicine			
			Aquatic, Laboratory Animal & Wildlife Medicine			
1.	Ahmadu Bello University,		Avian Medicine			
	Zaria.					
			Clinical Pathology			
		Pathology	Diagnostic Pathology			
			Microbiology			
			Parasitology			
			Public Health			
		Public Health &	Preventive Medicine			
		Preventive Medicine	Food Safety			
			Epidemiology			
			Anaesthesiology			
			Diagnostic Imaging			
		Surgery	Large Animal Surgery			
			Small Animal Surgery			
			Theriogenology			
			Clinical Pharmacology &			
			Toxicology			
		Medicine	Large Animal Medicine			
			Small Animal Medicine			
			Avian Medicine			
	University of Ibadan, Ibadan		Aquatic, Laboratory Animal &			
2.			Wildlife Medicine			
			Clinical Pathology			

		Pathology	Diagnostic Pathology		
			Microbiology		
			Parasitology		
			Public Health		
		Public Health &	Preventive Medicine		
		Preventive Medicine	Food Safety		
			Epidemiology		
			Epideimology		
			Anaesthesiology		
		Surgery	Large Animal Surgery		
			Small Animal Surgery		
			Theriogenology		
	1				
			Clinical Pharmacology &		
		Medicine	Toxicology		
			Large Animal Medicine		
			Small Animal Medicine		
			Aquatic, Laboratory Animal &		
			Wildlife Medicine		
3.	University of Nigeria, Nsukka.		Avian Medicine		
			1		
			Clinical Pathology		
		Pathology	Diagnostic Pathology		
		3	Microbiology		
			Parasitology		
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			Public Health		
		Public Health &	Preventive Medicine		
		Preventive Medicine	Food Safety		
			Epidemiology		
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			Small Animal Surgery		
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			Clinical Pharmacology &		
		Medicine	Toxicology		
			Small Animal Medicine		
			Avian Medicine		
			Aquatic, Laboratory & Wildlife		
			Medicine		
	National Veterinary Research				
	National Veterinary Research				
4.	National Veterinary Research Institute Vom/ University of	Pathology	Diagnostic Pathology		
4.		Pathology	Diagnostic Pathology Parasitology		
4.	Institute Vom/ University of	Pathology	Parasitology		
4.	Institute Vom/ University of	Pathology			
4.	Institute Vom/ University of		Parasitology Microbiology		
4.	Institute Vom/ University of	Public Health &	Parasitology Microbiology Public Health		
4.	Institute Vom/ University of		Parasitology Microbiology		

		Surgery	Small Animal Surgery
		Medicine	Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology
	University of Maiduguri/SAS		Large Animal Medicine
	Veterinary Hospital,		Aquatic, Laboratory & Wildlife
	Maiduguri.		Medicine
			Avian Medicine
_			Clinical Pathology
5.		Pathology	Diagnostic Pathology
			Microbiology
			Parasitology
			1
		Public Health &	Public Health
		Preventive Medicine	Food Safety
			Epidemiology
			1
		Surgery	Large Animal Surgery
			Theriogenology
		Medicine	Small Animal Medicine
			Avian Medicine
	Usmanu Danfodiyo University,		T = 44 = 44
6.	Sokoto/State Veterinary	Public Health &	Public Health
	Hospital, Sokoto.	Preventive Medicine	Preventive Medicine
		G	0 11 4 1 1 0
		Surgery	Small Animal Surgery
			Theriogenology
	1	3.6.12.1	
		Medicine	Avian Medicine
			Clinical Pharmacology &
_	The second of Aberta Aberta		Toxicology
7.	University of Abuja, Abuja.	D (1 1	NC 1: 1
		Pathology	Microbiology
			Parasitology
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		Public Health &	Public Health
		Preventive Medicine	Preventive Medicine

Activities:

- i. Registration and documentation of Residents.
- ii. Coordination of Clinical training in all Clinical Training Centres being supervised by the said Study Centre.
- iii. Coordination of projects of Residents registered in the corresponding Study Centre.
- iv. Coordination of local seminars at the Study Centres.
- v. Verification, endorsement and scoring Clinic Logbooks.

- vi. Coordination of examinations for Residents registered in the Centre.
- vii. Coordination and delivery of the September/October Clinic/Practical residency activities on campus.

C. Clinical Training Centres

There are currently over 20 provisionally approved Clinical Training Centres comprising of all accredited Veterinary Teaching Hospital, selected State Veterinary Hospitals as well as selected private practices. Residents are at liberty to undertake part of their Clinical Training in relevant Human Diagnostic/Medical facilities e.g. Diagnostic laboratories, Diagnostic Imaging Centres, MDAs as maybe considered relevant.

Residents domiciled outside Nigeria in the non-practice Specialties may also participate in the College activities, special arrangement for their examination shall be at the expense of the Residents. Evidence of registration to practice in the country of domicile must be provided where a Resident intends to undertake training in any of the practice-based Specialties.

Activities:

- 1. Coordination and supervision of Clinical training
- 2. Endorsement of Clinic Logbooks and Clinic Activity Reports
- 3. Preparing Residents for examinations

1.7 METHOD OF APPLICATION

College programmes shall be advertised annually, suitably qualified candidates may apply in response to such advertisements. Application forms shall be electronically filled and submitted virtually through the College portal.

Application Procedure:

- i. Advertisements shall be made in 2 National dailies within which all applicants shall be referred to the College Application portal.
- ii. Applicants are to fill the Application Forms online and submit.
- iii. Scanned copies of all credentials are to be attached
- iv. The application fee is to be paid into the College TSA account as provided from time to time.
- v. Once payment has been verified, Application forms shall be forwarded to the corresponding Head of Faculty for consideration of the Faculty Admission Committee.
- vi. If approved, an Admission letter is autogenerated and sent to the applicant.
- vii. The applicant is to pay the necessary registration fee (half or in full).

viii. After verification of fee payment, details of the applicant are uploaded onto the LMS where he/she can access posted contents as well as autogenerate an examination slip without which the Resident would be denied access to examination venues/absent on the CBT portal for the examinations.

1.8 COURSE APPLICATION FEES/CHARGES.

As would be stated in the advertisement, but would be subject to changes periodically. For now, the fees are as follows

(a). Application Fee = \$25,000.00(b). Tuition Fees (Annually) = \$200,000.00

(c) Examination Fees (Annually) = \$\frac{\text{\tinx}\text{\tinx}\text{\tiliex{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texict{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texicl{\text{\tex{\texicl{\text{\texicl{\text{\text{\text{\texicr{\texi}\text{\tex{\texi{\text{\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi}\texi{\texit{\text{\t

Note:

- Candidates shall be responsible for their transport, accommodation and feeding.
- These fees are subject to periodic review

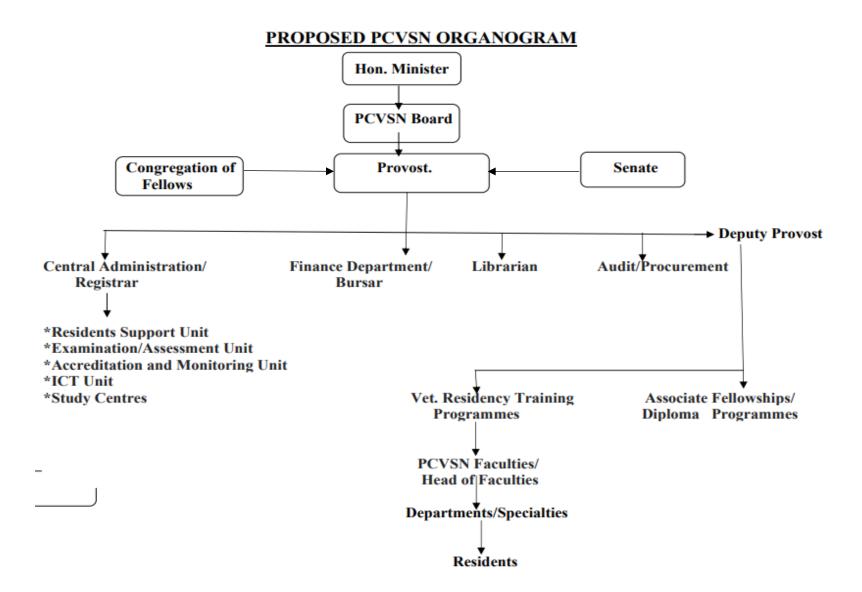
1.9 ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLEGE

The Veterinary Council of Nigeria, for now, remains the financier and coordinating government agency for the College. There is at the moment for the purpose of directly administering the College Programmes an Interim Management Committee, an Interim College Senate, Faculty Academic Board as well as an Ag. Provost and Ag. Heads of Faculties. The Secretariat of the College is being overseen by the College Secretary and an Administrative Officer.

The administrative and management structure of the College consists of the following:

- (a) College Board
- (b) College Senate
- (c) Congregation of Fellows
- (d) College Management

The academic and professional activities of the College shall be supervised by the Senate. The College Board shall be responsible and accountable to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture. An organogram of the College is presented in the accompanying figure.



ANNUAL 2024 PLANNER/SCHEDULE OF CVSN ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

S/No					2024	S	ESSI	O N						
	ACTIVITY	DURATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	Interim Board Meeting	1 Dy												
2	Admission & Registration	8 Wks												
3	Virtual Orientation	1 Dy												
4	Virtual Lectures Semester 1	12Wks												
5	Semester 1 Clinics	12 Wks												
6	Semester 1 Break	2 Wks												
7	Virtual Lectures Semester II	12 Wks												
8	Semester 2 Clinics	12 Wks												
9	Semester 2 Break	2 Wks												
10	Study Centre September	4 Wks												
	Residency													
11	Revision/Exams	2 Wks												
12	Resit Exams	1Wk												

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3- 12/02/24

4- 13/02 – 10/05/24

6- 13/05 – 26/05/24

7- 27/05 - 16/08/24

8- 27/05 - 16/08/24

9-18/08 - 31/08/24

10-02/09 - 27/09/24

11- 07/10; 14/10 - 18/10/24

12- 11/11 – 15/11/24

1.10 APPLICATIONAND ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- 1.10.1 Procedure:
- 1. Advertisement of the programmes within the last quarter in the preceding session.
- 2. Download, filling and submission of the online Application Form by applicants.
- 3. Payment of application fee
- 4. Certification of payment by College Secretariate.
- 5. Forwarding application forms to the corresponding Faculty Head
- 6. Consideration of application by the corresponding Faculty Admissions Committee
- 7. Presentation, consideration and approval of the recommended admission list to the College Senate/Academic Board.
- 8. Publication of the admission list and online delivery of admission letters
- 9. Fee payment & online registration for the corresponding session.

1.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Although the College specifies the benchmark for admission into the Fellowship programmes, individual Faculties/Specialties are at liberty to require additional qualifications for admission, as the need may arise.

1.11.1 Admission into Year 1

- 1. DVM or equivalent
- 2. Valid registration with the VCN
- 3. Minimum of 3 years relevant post-graduation experience.
- 4. NYSC Discharge Certificate or Exemption Letter.

1.11.2 Admission into Year 3

- 1. DVM plus Fellowship Part I Diploma or a relevant MSc degree
- 2. Minimum of 5 years post-graduation experience.
- 3. Valid registration with the VCN
- 4. NYSC Discharge Certificate or Exemption Letter.

1.12 RESIDENTS PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

As part of the training, the resident should complete an investigative project that contributes to the advancement of veterinary practice or clinical investigation. The allocation of a Supervisor shall be at the commencement of Year 3 of the programme.

At the end of Year 5, all projects are to be defended.

1.12.1 Project Management:

- 1. Two Supervisors shall be assigned to year 3 Residents in semester 1.
- 2. Students are to discuss (with their supervisor) their proposed clinical/investigative work.
- 3. Projects are to be undertaken within the 3rd, 4th and 5th Year of study.
- 4. Two clinical cases/investigations are to be thoroughly worked up and published in an acceptable professional journal (institutional or national association journals) in each of the 3 terminal years of study.
- 5. Students MUST communicate the progress of their work to the supervisor every semester.
- 6. Upon completion of the project, a request shall be sent to the Centre Supervisor through the Project Supervisor on the readiness of the student to defend his/her project.

- 7. Project defenses are to be conducted (hybrid) at the next examination from the corresponding Study Centre.
- 8. The 6 publications made are to be bound and 4 copies of the bound Project report are to be submitted (within 3 months of a successful defense) for endorsement viz.: student, supervisor, Study Centre Library and CVSN Secretariat copies.
- **N.B:** Project grades shall remain INCOMPLETE until bound copies of the endorsed Project report is forwarded to the Centre Supervisor and scores collated then forwarded to the Head of Faculty.

1.12.2 The project cover colour:

- i. Black for Pathology Faculty
- ii. Green for Public Health & Preventive Pathology Faculty
- iii. Maroon for Pathology Faculty
- iv. Grey/Ash for Surgery faculty

1.12.3 Sequence of Project Reporting:

1. Cover page 2. Title page 3. Declaration page All in single or 1.15 spacing 4. Certification page 5. Acknowledgment 6. **Abstract** (Maximum of 300 words/1 page) 7. Table of Content (Should reflect only the 1st, 2nd and 3rd tiers of the headings) 8. List of Figures 1.5 or double spacing 9. List of Tables 10. List of Plates 11. List of Appendices 12. Abbreviations, Definitions, Glossary and Symbols 13. Introduction (Preamble, Statement/Justification, Aims and Objectives of the Project work) Double spacing 14. Article 1 15. Article 2 16. Article 3 17. Article 4 18. Article 5 19. Article 6

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20. Conclusion, Recommendation and Summary

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Certification page

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List of Figures, Tables, Plates and Appendices

Where the title of the figure, table, plate or appendix runs more than one line, subsequent lines are single spaced and not indented.

Abbreviations, Definitions, Glossary and Symbols

All abbreviations and symbols used should be explained. Terms used can also be presented as a glossary.

Article/Publication 1:

Photocopy of 1st relevant publication in year 3 of the programme.

Article/Publication 2:

Photocopy of 2nd relevant publication in year 3 of the programme.

Article/Publication 3:

Photocopy of 1st relevant publication in year 4 of the programme.

Article/Publication 4:

Photocopy of 2nd relevant publication in year 4 of the programme.

Article/Publication 5:

Photocopy of 1st relevant publication in year 5 of the programme.

Article/Publication 6:

Photocopy of 2nd relevant publication in year 5 of the programme.

Summary, Conclusion and Recommendations

The summary should present highlights of each publication within a paragraph each. The conclusions should give an inference drawn from the findings in the cases presented. Challenges encountered during the study should be indicated. Conclusions should be drawn on the basis of the publications presented and analysed.

Recommendations should be based on the major findings of the study and stated in precise terms. It should list possible ways of solving problems identified as well as highlight areas for further study.

PART 2

PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE FACULTY

INTRODUCTION

Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine is an important aspect of Veterinary curriculum. Veterinary Public Health has been described by the WHO (2002) as; "the sum of all contributions to the physical, mental and social well-being of humans through an understanding and application of veterinary science". The Public Health Diploma Faculty of the College of Veterinary Surgeons Nigeria therefore seeks to improve both animal and human health for enhanced economic and social development of modern society.

There are Four specialized areas to be considered for the membership and fellowship viz.

- a. Public Heath
- b. Preventive Veterinary Medicine
- c. Epidemiology
- d. Food Safety

2.1 TRAINING VENUE AND FACILITIES

2.1.1 Study Centres

The Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, University of Ibadan, University of Maiduguri, Usmanu Danfodiyo University and University of Jos/NVRI and University of Abuja Study Centres are approved Study Centres for the Public Health Faculty.



Fig. 2.1: Zaria Study Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

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2.3 TRAINING OBJECTIVES

General:

- a. To provide opportunity for manpower specialists, development programmes to meet national needs in areas of food safety and disease surveillance and control.
- b. To equip candidates with a high level of specialization in Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine for effective participation in national and international organizations.
- c. To generate and disseminate information on recent advances in Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

2.3 PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

2.3.1 Clinics Management

Supervised training implies interaction between trainee and supervisor during the investigative work or other relevant activity as well as during related discussions, etc. Such supervision requires the simultaneous physical presence of both trainee and supervisor site of the activity. The amount of supervision required will vary with the experience, skill and knowledge of the trainee.

Clinical training for the Public Health & Preventive Medicine Faculty shall consist of:

- 1. Minimum of 16hrs of Clinics/week for 12 weeks in Semester 1.
- 2. Minimum of 16hrs of Clinics/week for 12 weeks in Semester 2.
- 3. Clinical Procedures/Practical (September/October Residency)
- 4. Monthly virtual Clinical seminar presentations
- 5. Publication of 2 cases/activities per session for Year 3, 4 & 5.

All Resident trainees are to participate in relevant clinical activities within the 3 months of each semester in an approved Clinical Training Centre. A minimum of 16Hrs per week shall be the minimum acceptable Clinic time. The following facilities are recommended for the Semester Clinical Training:

- i. Veterinary Teaching Hospitals.
- ii. Veterinary and Allied research Institute with Fellows in their employment such as NVRI Vom, NAPRI Shika etc.
- iii. State Central Veterinary Hospitals (State Capitals)
- iv. Accredited Private Veterinary Clinics/Hospitals.
- v. Public Health Depts at State or Federal levels
- vi. Abattoirs
- vii. Food processing facilities etc.

Emphasis shall be on the student managing and reporting relevant cases/activities in his/her specialty. The following are suggested for the assessment of students in Clinics;

- 1. The immediate supervising veterinarian/officer shall countersign cases reported by the Resident in the Logbook.
- 2. The Mentor should visit the student at site whenever possible to assess the resident's conduct and participation.
- 3. Residents should write up at least 2 cases for publication within each such session which would be graded by the Project Supervisor in the Final year.

The Clinical Procedures logbook shall be used for the documentation and accomplishment of the various tasks and development of skills by the Year 1 & 2 Residents only.

The relevant sections are to be signed by the supervising veterinarian. Trainees are expected to successfully undertake a minimum of 80% of the procedures listed in the Clinical Procedures logbook before graduation. The various activities can be undertaken anytime within the 5 years of training. In all cases however a registered veterinarian (preferably a Fellow) must certify to the proficiency of the student in each of the supervised tasks/skills.

2.3.2 Guidelines for Public Health & Preventive Medicine Faculty Residents Clinical Engagement:

- 1. All Public Health & Preventive Medicine Faculty students are to dress appropriately and conduct themselves responsibly in Clinics/Surgery.
- 2. All Public Health & Preventive Medicine Faculty students are to participate in the Clinics (Semester Clinics & Sept/October Residency)

- 3. Relevant cases/activities attended to, are to be documented and endorsed in the corresponding Clinical Activity Logbook, this shall be submitted to the Study/Clinical Training Centre Coordinator at the end of the Semester for grading.
- 4. Records of attendance at the clinics are to be endorsed daily by the Supervising Veterinarian/Officer.
- 5. Students are to actively participate in the activity/case presented especially relevant cases to their Specialty/option of study.

2.3.3 September/October Residency Clinics

Supervised Clinical/practical sessions shall be undertaken in Sept/October each session. All Residents are expected to participate in this exercise.

All residents are to ensure that once they have achieved proficiency in the corresponding Clinical Skill, they should demonstrate same to a supervising Fellow who shall thereafter endorse the relevant component of the Skill Acquisition Logbook. *Residents shall only be deemed to have met Clinical Skill requirements for graduation after demonstrating a minimum of 80% of the listed procedures in his/her Specialty.*

The listed clinical activities/practical sessions/demonstrations shall be undertaken and or discussed during the Sept/October Residency.

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- Ability to identify fish & meat spoilage
- Fish preservation methods
- Performance of residue screening tests
- Plate test (TPT & FPT)
- Tube tests (Premi®test)
- Identification of ELISA Reader, interprete ELISA plate for residue test
- Extrapolate and calculate drug concentrations
- Identification of different kinds of fish in different water types
- Identification of fish diseases (bacterial, viral and parasitic origin),
- Setting and management of a veterinary establishment (Veterinary Hospital, Laboratory & Practice Premises)
- Ability to use the following applications for proper disease investigation
 - a. TAD info;
 - b. GPS instruments:
 - c. Arch view GIS
- Identification of different animal by-products and their proper beneficial utilisation
- Design of slaughterhouse and a modern abattoir
- Design of a (hypothetical) study using any of the types of epidemiological study methods including statistical analyses
- -Use of Access software that could be used in any veterinary practice, management of veterinary clinics, herd health management e.g

- Ability to identify and differentiate good and/from bad milk
- Demonstrate hygienic milking procedure
- Perform the following milk tests and name the conditions:
- Brucella milk test;
 - -CMT;
 - -strip cup test
 - -Bromocresol purple test
 - -Bromo thymol blue test
 - -White side test
 - -Brucelisa:
- Perform microbial load determination (TCC and TAPC) on critical points of contamination: On meat, meat contact sufaces
- Calculation of CFU and interpretation of results
- Performing market analysis on a veterinary /livestock industry and production of a business plan fit for presentation to a venture capitalist
- Data analysis using: SPSS, STATA, Epi-Info, graph pad and Open-Epi.
- Visit a field in any chosen area and demonstrate ability to offer extension services to: Farmers, meat sellers, butchers etc.

2.4 LECTURES, PRACTICAL AND EXAMINATIONS

2.4.1 Programme Course and Credit Unit Allocations

- 1. The minimum duration of training for entrants to Years 1 & 3 Fellowship programmes shall be 5 and 3 years respectively.
- 2. Written examinations, Clinics/practical, presentations, publications as well as assessment of relevant Logbooks (as applicable) shall be the modality for assessment of Residents.

2.5.2 Examinations

There shall be uniform criteria for the assessment of Trainees.

- 1. Examinations shall be conducted at the end of every session.
- 2. All courses shall be graded over 100%
- 3. For all examinations:
 - a. < 50% = Fail
 - b. 50-59% = C Pass
 - c. 60-69% = B Good
 - d. > 70% = A Excellent
- 4. For Clinic grading: 30% = Sessional Clinic Report/Logbooks

30% = Sept/October Residency

40% = End of session exams (Oral, Facility identification & Demonstrations)

2.5 SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS

- 1. All Residents from years 3 5 of study are to develop 2 cases/activities attended to every session and publish them in either institutional journals or National Association journals as their project.
- 2. All Project write-ups for Publications shall be Case Reports/investigations/activities encountered within the corresponding period of the Study.
- 2. Faculty virtual Seminars shall be decentralized and held monthly from the corresponding Study Centre.
- 3 VTH Directors, Study Centre Supervisors, Specialty/Option Coordinators and other Resource Persons as well as all Residents are to participate in the Seminars.
- 4 Publication printouts are to be bound and submitted to the Project Supervisor for assessment and necessary grading prior to the final defence.

N.B: Seminar and Conference presentations or publications preceding admission into the Fellowship programme are not eligible for presentation/assessment/grading as Project.

The resident while gaining experience in practice is also expected to prepare and present work at larger scientific meetings and conferences. Residents are thus encouraged to present their writeups at relevant seminars before publication.

The resident is expected to complete an investigative study on the cases/activity handled, the outcome of which should be publishable in a peer reviewed/refereed scientific journal (National Association or Institutional Journal)

Review articles, textbook chapters and short communications will not qualify as a contribution to the publication requirements. If a paper has not been published at the time of assessment, an acceptance letter shall suffice.

2.6 LIST OF PUBLIC HEATH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE COURSES

FELLOWSHIP I

Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Year 1:

Semester 1:

VPH 811: Meat Hygiene, by-product and

utilization

VPH 813: Epidemiology

VPM 811: Computer Applications in

Veterinary Practice

VPM 813: Economics of Disease Control

and Veterinary Projects

VPH 819A: Public Health clinics 1A

Semester 2:

VPH 812: Abattoir Design and Management

VPM 812: Veterinary Ethics and

Jurisprudence

VPM 814: Immunology

VPH 814: Introduction to Biorisk

Management

VPH 819B: Public Health clinics 1B

Year 2

Semester 1:

VPH 821: Veterinary Environmental Health

VPH 823: Food safety I

VPM 821: Veterinary Entrepreneurship **VPH 829A**: Public Health clinics II A

Semester 2:

VPH 822: Biostatistics VPH 824: Zoonoses

VPM 822: Veterinary Extension services **VPH 829B:** Public Health clinics II B

FELLOWSHIP II

Year 3 (Public Health specialty)

Semester 1:

VPM 831: Research Methods

VPH 831: Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies and

Performance

VPH 833: Occupational and Environmental

Health

VPH 839A: Public Health clinics III A

Semester 2:

VPH 832: Emerging Zoonoses and

Transboundary diseases

VPM 832: Veterinary Jurisprudence VPH 834: Neglected Tropical diseases VPH 835B: Public Health clinics III B

Year 4 (Public Health specialty)

Semester 1

VPM 841: Public Health, Hospital and

Practice Administration

VPM 843: Emergency Preparedness **VPH 849A**: Public Health clinics IV A

Semester 2

VPH 841: Global health at the Human and

Animal Ecosystem Interface

VPH 842: Animal Health Information system

VPH 849B: Public Health clinics IV B

Year 5 (Public Health specialty)

Semester 1

VPH 851: Seminar/Problem discussions **VPH 859A**: Public health Clinics V A

Semester 2

VPH 852: Project

VPH 859B: Public health Clinics V B

Year 3 (Food Safety specialty)

Semester 1

VPM 831: Research Methods

VPH 831: Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies and

Performance

VFS 831: Fish Hygiene, Control and Prevention of fish diseases

VFS 839A: Food Safety clinics III A

Semester 2:

VPH 832: Emerging Zoonoses and Transboundary diseases

VPM 832: Veterinary Jurisprudence

VFS 832: Food Safety II

VFS 839B: Food Safety clinics III B

Year 4 (Food Safety specialty)

Semester 1

VPM 841: Public Health, Hospital and

Practice Administration

VPM 843: Emergency Preparedness **VFS 849A:** Food Safety clinics IV A

Semester 2

VFS 841: Milk and Dairy Products

VFS 842: Meat Microbiology

VFS 849B: Food Safety clinics IV B

Year 5 (Food Safety specialty)

Semester 1

VPH 851: Seminar/Problem discussions

VFS 859A: Food Safety clinics V A

Semester 2

VPH 852: Project

VFS 859B: Food Safety clinics V B

Year 3 (Epidemiology specialty)

Semester 1:

VPM 831: Research Methods

VPH 831: Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies and

Performance

VE 831: Advanced Epidemiology **VE 839A:** Epidemiology Clinics III A

VPH 831: Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies and Performance

VPM 833: Herd Health ManagementVPM 839A: Preventive Medicine Clinics III

Semester 2:

VPH 832: Emerging Zoonoses and Transboundary diseases VPM 832: Veterinary Jurisprudence VE 812: Disease Surveillance

VE 839B: Epidemiology Clinics III B

Year 4 (Epidemiology specialty) Semester 1

VPM 841: Public Health, Hospital and Practice Administration

VPM 843: Emergency Preparedness **VE 849A:** Epidemiology Clinics IV A

Semester 2

VE 841: Molecular Epidemiology

VPH 842: Animal Health Information system

VE 849B: Epidemiology Clinics IV B

Year 5 (Epidemiology specialty)
Semester 1

VPH 851: Seminal

VPH 851: Seminar/Problem discussions **VE 859A:** Epidemiology Clinics V A

Semester 2

VPH 852: Project

VE 859B: Epidemiology Clinics V B

Year 3 (Preventive medicine specialty)

Semester 1:

VPM 831: Research Methods

Semester 2:

 VPH 832: Emerging Zoonoses and Transboundary diseases
 VPM 832: Veterinary Jurisprudence
 VPM 834: Veterinary quarantine services
 VPM 839B: Preventive Medicine Clinics III

Year 4 (Preventive Medicine specialty)

Semester 1

В

VPM 841: Public Health, Hospital and

Practice Administration

VPM 843: Emergency Preparedness

VPM 849A: Preventive Medicine Clinics IV

Α

Semester 2

VPM 842: Vaccinology

VPM 844: Risk Mitigation Strategy

VPM 849B: Preventive Medicine Clinics IV

В

Year 5 (Preventive Medicine specialty)

Semester 1

VPM 851: Seminar/Problem discussions **VPM 859A**: Preventive Medicine Clinics V A

Semester 2

VPH 852: Project

VPM 859B: Preventive Medicine Clinics V B

2.7 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The activities in each option as well as in each year of study detailing the Credit Unit allocation is presented in the Course outline (Table 2.1).

Table 2.1 PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (Year 1 & 2)

Year of Study	Semester	Course Code	Course Title and Description	No of CU
•	Semester 1	VPH 811	Meat Hygiene, By-product and Utilization A review of the anatomy of various organs, bones and important lymph nodes. Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection. Meat and national economy. Meat grades and quality, meat processing and preservation techniques. Deterioration and contamination of meat. Visits to modern abattoir/meat processing factories. Hides and skin, blood, horns, hooves, feathers, their uses in non-food and food preparations, uses and grading of hides and skins. Utilization of abattoir by-products. Laws and regulations on international trade in animal by-products. Visit to by-products industries	3
1		VPH 813	Epidemiology Definitions, scope of epidemiology. Multiple causation of disease. Spectrum of diseases. Epidemiological methods/studies, cohort, case control, cross sectiona studies. Specific rates (incidence, prevalence, morbidity and mortality. Patterns diseases (endemic, epidemic and sporadic). Participatory epidemiology (concepts, tools and practical application of PE). Screening of populations for diseases, herd immunity, structure of animal populations.	2
		VPM 811	Computer Applications in Veterinary Practice Soft-wares in veterinary practice, management of veterinary clinics, herd health management soft-wares, on-line resources, veterinary networks,	2
		VPM 813	Economics of Disease Control and Veterinary Projects Basic principles of economics including the pricing theory. Economy assessment of losses from a disease outbreak, criteria for assessing production losses, depreciation, time value of money. Project proposal, planning techniques, evaluation and monitoring. Herd modelling and projections. Decision analysis. Preparation of feasibility studies.	3
		VPH 819A	Public health Clinics 1A Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services,	3

		candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
Semester 2	VPH 812	Abattoir design and Management Types of abattoirs, management of abattoirs and slaughter slabs. Effluent management. Factors to consider in location of abattoirs. Design of abattoirs and slaughter slabs. Personnel management, hygiene and sanitation of abattoirs, waste disposal, personal hygiene. Record keeping and processing.	2
	VPM 812	Veterinary ethics and Jurisprudence Basic definitions in ethics and jurisprudence, classification of ethics, veterinary ethics, cruelty to animals, information consent, ethics in veterinary surgery and medical practice, ethics in research, a review of the provision of veterinary laws on veterinary practice, animal movements, control of veterinary drugs, public health, meat hygiene, fish and wildlife management, cruelty of animals. Forensic veterinary medicine. Animal welfare.	3
	VPM 814	Immunology Classification and consequences of immune responses. Immunological diseases, differentiation of animal tissues in ontogeny and phylogeny animal serum banks, serological epidemiology.	2
	VPH 814	Introduction to Biorisk Management Basic concepts: Laboratory Biosafety, Laboratory Biosecurity, Biorisk management system, hazard, risk. Biosafety and biosecurity; Key components of Biorisk Management; (AMP: assessment, mitigation and performance); Biorisk Management system; CWA 15793; Biosafety risk assessment; Biosecurity risk assessment	2
	VPH 819B	Public health Clinics 1B Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
		Total	25
	VPH 821	Veterinary Environmental Health	3

	Semester 1		Ecological concepts (definitions, ecological zones/ecosystems of Nigeria, etc), hazards of mass feeding, watering etc, air, soil and water pollution, waste disposal. Farm and abattoir waste including radio-active contaminants and management. Environmental sanitation and infection. Analysis of farm and abattoir wastes, Techniques of waste management. Disposal of radioactive contaminants. Environmental sanitation and disinfection, vector control and improvement of premises.	
		VPH 823	Food Safety I Food preservation methods, food poisoning and food-borne diseases. Risk analysis and principles of HACCP in food safety (including honey), predictive modelling in food safety. Traceability. Codex alimentarius,.	2
		VPM 821	Veterinary Entrepreneurship Definition of business, business ideas, veterinary business types, types of veterinary practices (mixed, poultry, small animal and production), advertisement, business management, Business budget. Risk management in veterinary business, limitations to private practice. Concept of entrepreneurship, developing a business plan	3
2		VPH 829A	Public health Clinics II A Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
		VPH 822	Biostatistics Data types, representative sampling, distribution and frequencies. Measures of central tendency and dispersion. Correlation and regression analysis. Hypotheses testing. Types I and II errors. Appropriate use of soft-wares. Uses of graphs including histograms, pie charts, pictograms, line graphs and scatter diagrams. T-tests, Chi-squared, ANOVA, non-parametric tests.	3
	Semester 2	VPH 824	Zoonoses Definitions, Epizootiology of zoonoses, classification of zoonoses (bacterial, viral, fungal, rickettsia, parasitic, pet-borne diseases, bites and stings from snakes, other animals. Introduction to <i>One Health</i> .	3
		VPM 822	Veterinary Extension Services Definitions, veterinary and extension inputs, extension communication, target of veterinary extension, extension agents, subject matter specialists, resource persons, extension delivery models, extension liaison services, extension	2

	institutions, adaptive and adoptive research, research extension linkage, extension publications.	
VPH 829B	Public health Clinics II B Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
	Total	23

Table 2.2 PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALTY/OPTION

Year of Study	Semester	Course Code	Course Title and Description	No of CU
		VPM 831	Research Methods Concept of research, research types, design and proposal. Sampling and data collection, data analysis, Technical report writing. Ethics in research. Observational and experimental research and clinical trials.	2
	Semester 1	. VPH 831	Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies And Performance Assessment (risk identification, hazard/threat identification, likelihood evaluation, consequences evaluation), mitigation (elimination or substitution; engineering control; administrative control; practices and procedures; personal protective equipment) and performance (Control, assurance and improvement); Concept of performance, Basics of performance, performance in biorisk management system, steps to evaluating biorisk management performance, performance as tool for improvement	2
3		. VPH 833	Veterinary Environmental Health Ecological concepts (definitions, ecological zones/ecosystems of Nigeria, etc), hazards of mass feeding, watering etc, air, soil and water pollution, waste disposal. Farm and abattoir waste including radio-active contaminants and management. Environmental sanitation and infection. Analysis of farm and abattoir wastes, Techniques of waste management. Disposal of radioactive contaminants. Environmental sanitation and disinfection, vector control and improvement of premises.	3
		VPH 839A	Public health Clinics III A Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary	3

		extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
Semester 2	VPH 832	Emerging Zoonoses and transboundary diseases Emerging zoonoses, ecological and predisposing factors, and extant examples such as MERS-CoV, Schmallenberg virus, White Nose Syndrome, SARS, Ebola, Mad cow disease, avian influenza. Transboundary diseases, definition and examples	2
	VPM 832	Veterinary Jurisprudence II International legislations and conventions relevant to veterinary practice. Examples include codex alimentarius, CITES, OIE, FAO, IBAR and WHO, Bonn convention on migratory species, NOSDRA- Oil spillage, etc.	2
	VPM 834	Neglected Tropical Diseases Definition, challenges and solutions. Towards Rabies elimination: major research challenges and opportunities against rabies. One- health and Eco-health approach to rabies. One health fight against leishmaniasis. Zoonotic TB in the WHO End TB strategy. Snake bite: a neglected global health challenge	2
	VPH 839B	Public health Clinics III B Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
Semester 1	. VPM 841	Public Health, Hospital and Practice Administration Administration Of Public Health Institutions, Setting Up Of A Veterinary Hospital/Laboratories, Practice Premises, Hospital Management, Pay Roll, Supply And Storage Of Drugs, Vaccine And Medical Devices. Prescription Writing. Record Keeping. Charging For Clinical Services, Tax, And Insurance. Roles Of Manager, Clinicians,	19 3

			Nurses, Receptionist, Etc. Personnel management, discipline and	
			motivation. Employment law. practice evaluation	
		VPM 842	Emergency Preparedness	2
			EMPRES, Early warning of diseases, early reaction to disease	
			outbreaks, risk analysis, Animal disease emergency preparedness	
			plans and actions. Contingency plans against trans-boundary animal	
4			diseases. Stamping out of diseases.	
_		VPH 849A	Public health Clinics IV A	3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the	
			hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary	
			extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases	
			and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
	Semester 2	VPH 841	Global health at the Human and Animal Ecosystem Interface	2
			Definitions and concept of one health, Planetary health, Ecosystem	
			and Global health. The importance of One Health to Global Health.	
			The Tripartite collaboration: FAO/OIE (WOAH)/WHO. Importance of	
			one health approach in the investigating Emerging zoonotic diseases.	
			The global burden of antimicrobial resistance(AMR). AMR in food	
			borne infection, importance of One-health approach	
		VPH 842	Animal Health Information system	2
			Animal disease reporting system, TAD info. GPS instruments, Arch	
			view GIS application software, Field PDA units and their uses in	
			disease mapping. Field studies.	
		VPH 849B	Public health Clinics IV B	3
		VPH 049D		3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the	
			hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases	
			and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
			Total	15
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	Semester 1	VPH 851	Seminar/Problem discussions	2
			Residents are to present seminars on topics relevant to their	
			specialties and /or discuss a problem of cases encountered, it should	
			be written and submitted in form of term paper	
_		VPH 859A	Public health Clinics V A	3
5			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the	
			hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary	
			extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases	
			and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
	Semester 2		Project	6
		VPH 852	A compendium of at least 6 case studies published in academic	
			journals	
		VPH 859B	Public health Clinics V B	3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the	
			hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary	
			extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and	
			such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
			Total	14

Table 2.3 FOOD SAFETY SPECIALTY/OPTION

Year of Study	Semester	Course Code	Course Title and Description	No of CU
		VPM 831	Research Methods	2
			Concept of research, research types, design and proposal. Sampling	
			and data collection, data analysis, Technical report writing. Ethics in	
			research. Observational and experimental research and clinical trials.	
		. VPH 831	Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies And	2
			Performance	
			Assessment (risk identification, hazard/threat identification, likelihood	
			evaluation, consequences evaluation), mitigation (elimination or	
	Semester 1		substitution; engineering control; administrative control; practices and	
			procedures; personal protective equipment) and performance (Control,	
			assurance and improvement); Concept of performance, Basics of	
			performance, performance in biorisk management system, steps to	
			evaluating biorisk management performance, performance as tool for	
			improvement	
2		. VFS 831	Fish Hygiene, Control and Prevention of fish diseases	3
3			Fish and shell fish harvesting, preservation and spoilage, fish inspection,	
			fish-borne diseases and intoxication. Practical assessment of fish	
			spoilage by physical and chemical tests. Practical study visits. Fresh,	
			marine and brackish aquatic ecology, fish husbandry and management,	
			Bacterial, viral, fungi and parasitic diseases, their treatments and	
			prevention, uses of vaccines in aquatic veterinary practice	
		VFS 839A	Food Safety Clinics III A	3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital,	
			meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension	
			services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other	
			clinical activities shall be assessed.	
	Semester 2	VPH 832	Emerging Zoonoses	2

	VPM 832	Emerging zoonoses, ecological and predisposing factors, and extant examples such as MERS-CoV, Schmallenberg virus, White Nose Syndrome, SARS, Ebola, Mad cow disease, avian influenza. Veterinary Jurisprudence II International legislations and conventions relevant to veterinary practice. Examples include codex alimentarius, CITES, OIE, FAO, IBAR and WHO, Bonn convention on migratory species, NOSDRA- Oil	2
	VFS 832	spillage, etc. Food Safety II Drugs, pesticides, carcinogens in processed meat products, causes of drug residues in animal products, permissible level of residues, techniques for detecting drug residue levels, effects and prevention of drug residues in animal products. Concept and application of traceability in food safety. Food residue avoidance data bank	. 3
	VFS 839B	Food Safety Clinics III B Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
		Total	20
Semester 1	VPM 841	Public Health, Hospital and Practice Administration Administration Of Public Health Institutions, Setting Up of A Veterinary Hospital/Laboratories, Practice Premises, Hospital Management, Pay Roll, Supply And Storage Of Drugs, Vaccine And Medical Devices. Prescription Writing. Record Keeping. Charging For Clinical Services, Tax, And Insurance. Roles Of Manager, Clinicians, Nurses, Receptionist, Etc. Personnel management, discipline and motivation. Employment law. practice evaluation.	3
	VPM 843	Emergency Preparedness EMPRES, Early warning of diseases, early reaction to disease outbreaks, risk analysis, Animal disease emergency preparedness	2

			plans and actions. Contingency plans against trans-boundary animal diseases. Stamping out of diseases.	
4		VFS 849A	Food Safety Clinics Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
	Semester 2	VFS 841	Milk and dairy products Dairy animals. Definition of milk, composition of milk, factors affecting milk yield, hygiene and sanitation in milking operations. Designing and managing milking parlour, Milk collection, processing, milk tests. Milk preservation including pasteurization. Processing of other dairy products (butter, cheese, yoghurt etc). Milk-borne diseases.	2
		VFS 842	Meat Microbiology Microbial meat spoilage, chemical, microbiological and physical changes, endogenous and exogenous infections, factors affecting the growth of spoilage micro-organisms, prevention of meat spoilage.	2
		VFS 849B	Food Safety Clinics IV B Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed	3
			Total	15
	Semester 1	VFS 851	Seminar/Problem discussions Residents are to present seminars on topics relevant to their specialties and /or discuss a problem on cases encountered, it should be written and submitted in form of term paper	2
5		VFS 859A	Food Safety Clinics V A Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension	3

		services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
Semester 2		Project	6
	VFS 852	A compendium of at least 6 case studies published in academic journals	
	VFS 859B	Food Safety Clinics V B	3
		Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
		Total	14

Table 2.4: EPIDEMIOLOGY SPECIALTY/OPTION

Year of Study	Semester	Course Code	Course Title and Description	No of CU
_		VPM 831	Research Methods	2
			Concept of research, research types, design and proposal. Sampling and	
			data collection, data analysis, Technical report writing. Ethics in research.	
			Observational and experimental research and clinical trials.	
		. VPH 831	Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies and	2
			Performance	
			Assessment (risk identification, hazard/threat identification, likelihood	
			evaluation, consequences evaluation), mitigation (elimination or	
	Semester 1		substitution; engineering control; administrative control; practices and	
			procedures; personal protective equipment) and performance (Control,	
			assurance and improvement); Concept of performance, Basics of	
			performance, performance in biorisk management system, steps to	
			evaluating biorisk management performance, performance as tool for	
			improvement	
2		. VE 811	Advanced Epidemiology	3
J			Multifactorial aetiology and theory of causation, Risk and risk analysis,	
			Ecosystem and Disease (Ecology and Disease), measurement of risk(risk	
			factor in disease), Patterns of disease occurrence in animal population	
			Assessing the validity and reliability of diagnostic and screening test	
		VE 839A	Epidemiology Clinics III A	3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital,	
			meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services,	
			candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical	
			activities shall be assessed.	
	Semester 2	VPH 832	Emerging Zoonoses and transboundary diseases	2

		Emerging zoonoses, ecological and predisposing factors, and extant examples such as MERS-CoV, Schmallenberg virus, White Nose Syndrome, SARS, Ebola, Mad cow disease, avian influenza. Transboundary diseases, definition and examples	
	VPM 832	Veterinary Jurisprudence II International legislations and conventions relevant to veterinary practice. Examples include codex alimentarius, CITES, OIE, FAO, IBAR and WHO, Bonn convention on migratory species, NOSDRA- Oil spillage, etc.	2
	VE 832	Disease Surveillance Disease nomenclature and classification, trans-boundary animal diseases, animal disease reporting, role of international agencies in disease reporting and surveillance. Disease control and eradication measures. Surveillance systems for major diseases. Participatory disease surveillance.	2
	VE 839B	Epidemiology Clinics III B Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
		Total	19
Semester 1	. VPM 841	Public Health, Hospital and Practice Administration Administration Of Public Health Institutions, Setting Up Of A Veterinary Hospital/Laboratories, Practice Premises, Hospital Management, Pay Roll, Supply And Storage Of Drugs, Vaccine And Medical Devices. Prescription Writing. Record Keeping. Charging For Clinical Services, Tax, And Insurance. Roles Of Manager, Clinicians, Nurses, Receptionist, Etc. Personnel management, discipline and motivation. Employment law. practice evaluation	3
	VPM 842	Emergency Preparedness EMPRES, Early warning of diseases, early reaction to disease outbreaks, risk analysis, Animal disease emergency preparedness plans and actions.	2

Contingency plans against trans-boundary animal diseases. Stamping out	
of diseases.	
Epidemiology Clinics IV A	3
Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services,	
candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
Molecular Epidemiology	3
History, scope, applications in animal and zoonotic disease surveillance and control.	
- Veterinary infection biology and pathogenesis: Molecular basis of infectious diseases, host-pathogen interactions.	
- Biomarker and pathogen identification – Nucleic acid/antigen detection techniques like PCR, sequencing, microarrays.	
- Outbreak investigation methods – Case definitions, sample collection. Genotyping, molecular tracing tools.	
- Major zoonotic and production disease systems – Case studies of avian influenza, rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis etc	
- Bioinformatics for veterinary epidemiology – Database resources, sequence analysis, phylogenetics, population genetics.	
- Comparative genomics – Genome content, structure, host adaptations of veterinary pathogens.	
- Molecular surveillance and antimicrobial resistance – Molecular subtyping, AMR gene detection and characterization.	
- One Health approach – Molecular aspects of linking animal, human and	
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Animal disease reporting system, TAD info. GPS instruments, Arch view GIS application software, Field PDA units and their uses in disease mapping. Field studies.	
	of diseases. Epidemiology Clinics IV A Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed. Molecular Epidemiology History, scope, applications in animal and zoonotic disease surveillance and control. Veterinary infection biology and pathogenesis: Molecular basis of infectious diseases, host-pathogen interactions. Biomarker and pathogen identification – Nucleic acid/antigen detection techniques like PCR, sequencing, microarrays. Outbreak investigation methods – Case definitions, sample collection. Genotyping, molecular tracing tools. Major zoonotic and production disease systems – Case studies of avian influenza, rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis etc Bioinformatics for veterinary epidemiology – Database resources, sequence analysis, phylogenetics, population genetics. Comparative genomics – Genome content, structure, host adaptations of veterinary pathogens. Molecular surveillance and antimicrobial resistance – Molecular subtyping, AMR gene detection and characterization. One Health approach – Molecular aspects of linking animal, human and environmental aspects of disease emergence and spread Animal Health Information system Animal disease reporting system, TAD info. GPS instruments, Arch view GIS application software, Field PDA units and their uses in disease

		VE 849B	Epidemiology Clinics IV B	3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital,	
			meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services,	
			candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical	
			activities shall be assessed.	
			Total	16
	Semester 1	VE 851	Seminar/Problem discussions	2
			Residents are to present seminars on topics relevant to their specialties	
			and /or discuss a problem on cases encountered, it should be written	
			and submitted in form of term paper	
_		VE 859A	Epidemiology Clinics V A	3
5			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital,	
			meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension	
			services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other	
			clinical activities shall be assessed.	
	Semester 2	VE 852	Project	6
			A compendium of at least 6 case studies published in academic journals	
		VE 859B	Epidemiology Clinics V B	3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital,	
			meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services,	
			candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical	
			activities shall be assessed.	
			Total	14

2.5: PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SPECIALTY/OPTION

Year of Study	Semester	Course Code	Course Title and Description	No of CU
3		VPM 831	Research Methods Concept of research, research types, design and proposal. Sampling and data collection, data analysis, Technical report writing. Ethics in research.	2
	Semester 1	. VPH 831	Observational and experimental research and clinical trials. Biorisk Characterization and Evaluation; Mitigation Strategies And Performance Assessment (risk identification, hazard/threat identification, likelihood evaluation, consequences evaluation), mitigation (elimination or substitution; engineering control; administrative control; practices and procedures; personal protective equipment) and performance (Control, assurance and improvement); Concept of performance, Basics of performance, performance in biorisk management system, steps to	2
		VPM 833	evaluating biorisk management performance, performance as tool for improvement Herd Health Management Chemoprophylactic immunoprophylactic procedures, vaccine and vaccination, hatchery management and hygiene. Screening a population for disease. Herd immunity. Biosecurity measures.	2
		VPH 839A	Preventive Medicine Clinics III A Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
	Semester 2	VPH 832	Emerging Zoonoses and transboundary diseases Emerging zoonoses, ecological and predisposing factors, and extant examples such as MERS-CoV, Schmallenberg virus, White Nose Syndrome, SARS, Ebola, Mad cow disease, avian influenza. Transboundary diseases, definition and examples	2

		VPM 832	Veterinary Jurisprudence II International legislations and conventions relevant to veterinary practice. Examples include codex alimentarius, CITES, OIE, FAO, IBAR and WHO, Bonn convention on migratory species, NOSDRA- Oil spillage, etc.	2
		VPM 834	Veterinary quarantine services Definitions, quarantine services during outbreaks of disease outbreaks, control posts, import and export permits and procedures, location and design of quarantine stations, record keeping in quarantine services, CITES, biosecurity measures	3
		VPM 839B	Preventive Medicine Clinics III B Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3
			Total	19
	Semester 1	. VPM 841	Public Health, Hospital and Practice Administration Administration Of Public Health Institutions, Setting Up Of A Veterinary Hospital/Laboratories, Practice Premises, Hospital Management, Pay Roll, Supply And Storage Of Drugs, Vaccine And Medical Devices. Prescription Writing. Record Keeping. Charging For Clinical Services, Tax, And Insurance. Roles Of Manager, Clinicians, Nurses, Receptionist, Etc. Personnel management, discipline and motivation. Employment law. practice evaluation	3
4		VPM 842	Emergency Preparedness EMPRES, Early warning of diseases, early reaction to disease outbreaks, risk analysis, Animal disease emergency preparedness plans and actions. Contingency plans against trans-boundary animal diseases. Stamping out of diseases.	2
		VPM 849A	Preventive Medicine Clinics IV A Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	3

Semester 2 VPM 842 Vaccinology	3
Overview of immune response to microbial infections (viruses and	
bacteria), viral pathogenesis and methods of immune evasion, passive	
immunotherapy, adjuvant and immune activation, pathogenesis and	
evasion mechanisms of specific viruses, types of vaccines, vaccine safety	
VPM 844 Risk Mitigation Strategy	2
Competence to manage biological risks, laboratory accidents, theft,	
biotechnology field applications, one health, contexts for biorisk	
management, Connecting BRM to the big picture [Biological weapon	
convention (BWC), WHO. OIE, United Nations Security Council	
Resolution (UNSCR)]; Laboratory level operational controls.	
Biocontainment facility features, Engineering controls and laboratory	
equipment; laboratory work practices; Personal protective equipment;	
Decontamination; Biological waste disposal; Laboratory biosecurity; Field	
biosecurity; shipping infectious substances and Biological Specimens.	
Biocontainment facility features, Engineering controls and laboratory	
equipment; laboratory work practices; Personal protective equipment;	
Decontamination; Biological waste disposal; Laboratory biosecurity; Field	
biosecurity; shipping infectious substances and Biological Specimens.	
VPM 849B Preventive Medicine Clinics IV B	3
Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital,	
meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services,	
candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical	
activities shall be assessed.	
Total	16
Semester 1 VPH 851 Seminar/Problem discussions	2
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5			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
	Semester 2		Project	6
		VPH 852	A compendium of at least 6 case studies published in academic journals	
		VPM 859B	Preventive Medicine Clinics V B	3
			Residents shall participate in ambulatory clinical services of the hospital, meat inspection, vaccination campaign and veterinary extension services, candidate's participation and a report of cases and such other clinical activities shall be assessed.	
			Total	14