



Summary of Standards Revisions for the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) Program *Effective August 3, 2015*

RACE was developed as a service of the AAVSB in order to meet the needs of its Member Boards in carrying out their statutory mandates of regulation of the veterinary profession in the interest of public protection. It is intended to provide a standardized process of reviewing veterinary continuing education for the Member Boards in an effort to best meet their statutory and regulatory requirements.

The RACE Standards document is reviewed and updated periodically and the program is administered under uniform Standards developed by participation from regulatory boards, taking into consideration their legal requirements.

New Standards have been recommended by the RACE Committee and approved by the AAVSB Board of Directors. **These Standards take effect August 3, 2015 for all Providers. All Programs, new and renewal, will be reviewed by these newly in place Standards beginning August 3, 2015.**

Please note that Program and Provider approval requires agreement to **ALL** of the RACE Standards.

The RACE Committee took into consideration Member Board requests to give the Provider a more comprehensive view as to what the RACE Committee expects upon review of a program. The length of the document has been reduced significantly, as language in the previous Standards concentrated on administrative pieces the committee no longer believes need to be included in this document.

Please do not rely solely on this document to understand the updates to the RACE Standards. Without title page or table of contents, the new Standards document is 9 pages long. We strongly recommend taking the time to read through the Standards document.

The most significant change in the RACE Standards are the three new program categories. Each program category also addresses what education the presenter in this category should have in order to give this presentation. The categories are now as follows:

- **Category One: Scientific**
- **Category Two: Non-Scientific-Clinical**
- **Category Three: Non –Scientific-Practice Management/Professional Development**

Rather than list the information regarding the categories here, please take 5-10 minutes to read the category requirements as the RACE Committee has written them. The categories may allow programs which could not previously be RACE approved, the ability to be RACE approved, if they meet the requirements listed.

Another significant change to RACE is the RACE program application. These items are **NO LONGER REQUIRED** by the RACE committee:

- Objective Statement
- Agenda
- Speaker CV* (unless requested by the committee)
- Evaluation
- Certificate of Attendance

The process will require submission of this information:

Program Description

- What is this program about?
- Who (veterinarian, veterinary technician, or both) is this program intended for?
- What skills will an attendee receive after attending this presentation?
- How many CE Credits will the attendee earn from this segment?
- What **RACE** category is this being submitted under?
- Who is giving this presentation?

Presenter Information

- How is this person qualified to give a lecture on this topic (degrees, experience, etc.)?
- If the person does not meet the criteria, how does this person have the knowledge to give this presentation?
- If they don't meet those requirements, **two** letters of recommendation should be submitted for the presenter attesting to how the presenter is able to give this presentation.

Certificate of Attendance

Once your program is approved, RACE will email you the following language to attach to your Certificate of Attendance.

This program (RACE program number) is approved by the AAVSB RACE to offer a total of ____ CE Credits, with a maximum of ____ CE Credits being available to any individual veterinarian or veterinary technician/technologist. This RACE approval is for the subject matter categories of: _____ using the delivery method of _____. This approval is valid in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE; however, participants are responsible for ascertaining each board's CE requirements."

The RACE Certificate of Attendance must also contain the following:

- Participants Name
- Space for Participant to list state and license numbers, and signature
- Date of offering
- **RACE provider number and program number**

Again, we will NOT be asking to see this Certificate at the time of program submission. The four points listed are expected to be on any RACE approved certificate. **The program is not RACE approved until you receive the approval letter and specific language from RACE to add to your certificate.**

The AAVSB RACE Committee has taken into consideration feedback from providers to help improve communication between the RACE Provider and Committee. We hope these adjustments to the RACE Standards will help clarify what the RACE Committee seeks out of the Programs submitted for review. AAVSB is committed to serving the veterinary regulatory agencies, our Member Boards, by providing quality, relevant programs and services that these Boards can rely on to carry out their statutory responsibilities in the interest of public protection. Please do not hesitate to call or email any questions regarding these changes.

Please visit: www.aavsb.org/race/standards to view the full RACE Standards document (PDF), effective August 3, 2015.

On behalf of the AAVSB Board of Directors, our Member Boards, the RACE Committee, and staff, we thank you for your continued participation in the RACE Program!

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