

Policy on Approval of Equine Dental Schools

When approving an equine dental school the Board shall consider:

- Curriculum, including specific course descriptions, reference texts and lesson plans, for courses in:
 - anatomy, including musculoskeletal structures, organs of the head and neck, and tooth anatomy and morphology,
 - diseases that show up in the mouth so that an equine dental provider (EDP) would know when to refuse to treat and send the case to a veterinarian,
 - knowledge of function and hazards of equipment and instrumentation used in tooth floating
 - potential harm and side effects caused by tooth floating, and possible results of poor tooth floating technique
 - disease control and sterilization of equipment, and
 - the limits of the scope of practice for an EDP, including the use of sedation, the requirement of veterinary supervision, and the necessity of ensuring that a proper veterinary-client-patient relationship is established and maintained
- Number of hours required for graduation
- Qualifications of instructors, including any formal training or continuing education the instructors have received in equine dentistry and what person or entity provided the formal training or continuing education
- Hours of practical hands-on instruction to hours of theoretical class or web-based instruction
- Method used to identify skills acquired by students and determine satisfactory completion of both individual courses and program as a whole
- Passing rates for end-of-course examinations