

PrepACVPM Course: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. Can I still register for the course after it opens?**
 - a. Yes. Registration is open until February 15. All subject matter expert webinars are recorded and archived for the past 10 years. You will have full access to those even if you "join late".
- 2. If I register then find out I am not qualified to take the exam this year, can I get a full refund?**
 - a. No. This course is not affiliated with the ACVPM or the Credentialing Committee. It is up to each individual to decide if this course meets their needs.
- 3. If I decide to defer the exam, can I get a full refund?**
 - a. No. This course is not affiliated with the ACVPM. Deciding to take the course or the exam are independent decisions. Once you register, you get access to top quality resources, interesting subject matter expert webinars, and a community of veterinarians interested in preventive medicine. Learning is lifelong; taking the exam is two days.
- 4. What will I miss out on if I don't start the course the day it opens?**
 - a. Since it is self-paced, you will miss more days of access and encouragement. The content will be available until one week after the exam ends in June each year. All subject matter expert webinars are recorded and archived for the past several years. You will have full access to those even if you "join late".
- 5. What if I can't be on all the webinars?**
 - a. All subject matter expert webinars are recorded and archived for the past several years. You will have full access to those even if you cannot connect live. Prior to the webinar, we send out the slides as handouts. If you want to ask questions to be answered by the expert, you can send those in ahead of time. When you listen to the recording, the Q&A will provide you with a response.
- 6. How many assignments and when are they due?**
 - a. No true "assignments" – only a commitment to yourself to visit the website and use the resources provided to build your knowledge base. Unlike other courses you may have taken, this course is designed as a resource repository with additional opportunities to engage. There are monthly focus groups for special topics and writing workshop. Those have deadlines to meet to keep you on track to complete all 5 topic areas before the exam. Each month, a new topic will open so you can tackle the broad and diverse content in pieces.
- 7. What is the pass rate of people that take this course?**
 - a. Excellent epidemiology question for which there is no answer. We do not have access to a meaningful denominator. To answer that question, we would need to know who took this course, who took the test, who passed and who didn't. Since we are not affiliated with the ACVPM, we do not have access to that private data. We also have people who take the course twice before taking the exam. We have people who do not take the course, take the exam but do not pass and then take our course and pass. Participants who take this course, actively engage (listen to webinars, ask questions, participate in forums) pass each year. We provide the resources and guidance; you provide the motivation to use them.
- 8. If I don't take the course this year, can I register next year?**
 - a. Yes! As long as there are recent diplomates willing to be content coordinators, it will continue. This course has been offered by Veterinary Educational Services, LLC since 2012. It continues to evolve along with the exam to meet the changing needs of our learners.
- 9. Are there CE credits available for this course?**
 - a. Not directly. In order to offer CE credits, we would have to track access, offer quizzes over the content, track pass rates, and offer certificates. That would increase the cost of the course tremendously. The goal of the course is to meet the needs of veterinarians studying for the ACVPM board exam. Some participants have submitted a few hours from it to their state licensing board with success but that depends on the state's requirements.