

## PrepACVPM Course: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. Can I still register for the course after it opens?**
  - a. Yes. Registration is open until March 1 each year. All webinars/conf calls are recorded and archived for the past several years. You will have full access to those even if you "join late". There are some volunteer groups that start before March 1 if you want to take full access of the study tools.
- 2. If I 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. We understand that special circumstances arise. If that is the case, reach out to the Course Coordinators to discuss options.
- 4. What will I miss out on if I don't start the course the day it opens?**
  - a. You will miss more days of access. The content will be available until one week after the exam ends in June each year. All webinars/conf calls are recorded and archived for the past several years. You will have full access to those even if you "join late". There are some volunteer groups that start before March 1 if you want to take full access of the study tools.
- 5. What if I can't be on all the webinars/conference calls?**
  - a. All webinars/conf calls are recorded and archived for the past several years. You will have full access to those even if you cannot connect live.
- 6. How many assignments and when are they due?**
  - a. Unlike other courses you may have taken, this course is designed as a resource repository with additional opportunities to engage. There are volunteer groups you can join - journal review, writing club, and special topics - that will have deadlines to meet. All webinars/conf calls are recorded and archived for the past several years. You will have full access to those even if you cannot connect live. Each month, a new topic will open so you can tackle the broad and diverse content in pieces. No true "assignments" - only a commitment to yourself to visit the website and use the resources provided to build your knowledge base.
- 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, volunteer for various groups) 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. We hope so. The online version of this course started in 2009. As long as there are recent diplomates willing to be content coordinators, it will continue.
- 9. Are there CE credits available for this course?**
  - a. Not from us. 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.