

Path to achieve Fellow of the ACVBM (FACVBM) certified by the
American College of Veterinary Botanical Medicine

Section A: Classification of Fellow of the ACVBM (FACVBM)

There will be four classes of FACVBM and shall consist of the following:

Charter FACVBM, FACVBM, Honorary FACVBM, and Emeritus FACVBM

The benefits and procedures for acquiring each classification are governed by the policies and procedures of the Board of the ACVBM.

- All the general requirements set forth for certification by ACVBM, a licensed veterinarian in good standing, and current on all membership fees.
- All practicing FACVBM members must give or receive 60 hours of herbal continuing education (CE) triennial. Forms of CE can also include Botanical medicine lectures, time spent on generation of exam question (5 hours annually), and board activities (10 hours annually). CE hours can be submitted with annual dues.

Section B: Charter FACVBM

Charter FACVBM status may be conferred on a person who has distinguished themselves with respect to or contributed materially to the development of veterinary botanical medicine and to be deserving of special recognition by the College. Charter FACVBM will be selected based on acknowledged expertise in veterinary botanical medicine and as recognized educators and practitioners of botanical medicine and contributions to the organization of the specialty.

Charter FACVBM have fulfilled 3 of the below:

1. Ten (10) or more years of practice experience in veterinary botanical medicine, with not less than 75% of cases treated primarily with botanical medicines.
2. Experience of teaching/lecturing/research in the specialty for ten (10) years thereby contributing to the development of botanical medicine.
3. Authorship of significant book and/or 3 peer-reviewed publications including textbook chapters resulting from research or practice in botanical medicine.
4. A professorship in the specialty of botanical medicine at a college or school of veterinary medicine
5. Evidence of advanced training in botanical medicine and has demonstrated competency through teaching, research, or practice the specialty to which most of the individual's professional time is devoted. (600 hours minimum of formal training)

Section C: FACVBM:

1. Complete a graduate level herbal training program (for example, CIVT's graduate program, Chi's herbal program, David Winston's professional program) and 5 years of active veterinary clinical practice. This would be a minimum of 600 hours formal training.
2. Meet the education, training and experience requirements established by the ACVBM such as a case log of 100 individual patients to demonstrate case management and proper herbal diagnosis.
3. Three publishable case reports.

4. Passing score of 75% on the ACVBM exam (yet to be written)
5. Upon completion of passing ACVBM's certification exam, provide the ACVBM with 5 referenced exam questions.
6. Be willing to help mentor new herbal candidates

Section D: Honorary FACVBM

Honorary FACVBM status may be conferred on a person who has contributed materially to the development of veterinary botanical medicine as to be deserving of special recognition by the College, under the following provisions:

- 1) A person must be nominated for Honorary FACVBM status by at least two FACVBM
- 2) The nomination and supporting documentation (CV) must be in writing and submitted to the Board no later than ninety (90) days before the annual meeting of the ACVBM
- 3) The name of the nominee and supporting documentation shall be distributed to voting members with a ballot no later than sixty (60) calendar days before the annual meeting.
- 4) Appropriately identified ballots must be delivered to the Secretary/Treasurer before or at the annual meeting, and the Secretary/Treasurer shall tally the vote.
- 5) The status of Honorary FACVBM must be approved by two-thirds of returned votes of the entire voting membership of the ACVBM. Honorary FACVBM as such shall be listed in the College Directory, and these individuals shall not be required to pay dues, may not hold office, nor vote.

Section E: Emeritus FACVBM

Emeritus FACVBM have fulfilled the requirements for FACVBM status but are retired from active clinical practice in their specialty category. A FACVBM may request Emeritus status by submitting a written application to the Board. Such application shall be granted provided the FACVBM meets the following requirements:

- 1) The FACVBM has been an active member of the ACVBM.
- 2) The FACVBM has largely retired from employment. Income generated from activities associated with their ACVBM credentials through activities such as part-time consulting, teaching, writing, or continuing education is acceptable and will not preclude Emeritus FACVBM status.
- 3) Emeritus FACVBM can vote and hold office, shall be required to pay the ACVBM retired membership fee but not be required to provide CE documentation.

Special Herbal Veterinary Mentors:

- 1) Any Veterinarian with a special practice focus in herbal medicine can be qualified as a Special Veterinary Herbal Mentor
- 2) Individuals who contribute mentoring hours can use these hours toward the requirements for a FACVBM designation.
- 3) Veterinarians with this Mentor designation will be determined by the ACVBM board