



RACE Categories

Details about the RACE Categories for Continuing Education. For more details about RACE, please see the AAVSB website (www.aavsb.org).

Medical Program

From the RACE Standards, 2021, Article III, Section 3.01: *“Medical Programs include all conventional medical and surgical topics that are evidence-based, including the science of diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease as it relates directly to patients. It also includes topics in veterinary science that are not specifically clinical in nature but consider the comprehensive range of the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology. This includes, but is not limited to, topics related to One Health and public veterinary practice, epidemiology, food safety, public health, animal welfare, antimicrobial stewardship, and in-service training for publicly employed veterinary medical professionals.*

This category also includes medical and surgical subject matter that is case-based, anecdotal and/or undergoing scientific investigation. This includes some topics considered alternative and/or complementary veterinary medicine. Programs discussing topics considered alternative and/or complementary are acceptable if designed for an audience of veterinary professionals.” (p. 6)

Non-Medical Program (Practice Management / Professional Development / Professional Wellness)

From the RACE Standards, 2021, Article III, Section 3.02: *“Non-Medical programs include those that serve the public interest by helping make veterinary medical professionals more competent and capable in the delivery of veterinary services, but that are not necessarily scientific or clinical in nature. This includes, but is not limited to, practice management, business management, regulatory compliance, jurisprudence, medical records, software management, and the art of veterinary practice, communication, and veterinary ethics. Programs in professional wellness may include, but are not limited to, mental health, depression, compassion fatigue, burnout, and suicide ideation.” (p. 6)*

Programs RACE will not accept

From the RACE Standards, 2021, Article VI: *“RACE will ... not approve Programs that:*

- a. Do not ensure all animals used in the CE activity are cared for with respect and humanely in ways which minimize fear, pain, stress, and suffering and are in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines for humane animal use*
- b. Are not truthful or may be detrimental to the integrity of the veterinary profession.*
- c. Are in the format of question and answer in their entirety*
- d. Consist solely of exhibit hall attendance*
- e. Are standalone discussion/message boards, or roundtable discussions*
- f. Are based solely on test completion*
- g. Do not meet the stated program objectives*
- h. Use the event solely to market or simply instruct in the use of a product or service”*

(p. 8)

From the RACE Standards, 2021, Article VI, Section 6.01: “*Notwithstanding Article VI (h), a program educating about a product, service, or company may be considered for approval provided it demonstrates the following:*

- a. There is a clear delineation between marketing and education.*
- b. There is sufficient scientific or clinical content related to the product and it is presented in a manner such that the program is useful to attendees who do not use the specific product or service.*
- c. There is clear indication to participants at the beginning of the presentation of the relationships among Provider, presenter, and content of the program.*
- d. If there are multiple presenters, all must meet RACE Standards for presenters, and appropriate information on these presenters must be included with the application. The original author of the presentation must be identified and must also meet RACE Standards as a subject matter expert on the specific subject matter.*
- e. Providers giving the presentation on behalf of a commercial organization that also employs the presenter must agree to the conflict of interest statement at the beginning of every program application. Disclosure must be made to the program attendees in the form of an introductory slide, or verbal acknowledgement. If the Provider decides to use verbal acknowledgment, it must be agreed to upon application submission.*
- f. RACE acknowledges the need for corporations to use veterinary medical professionals as technical representatives to present Programs specifically developed around a product or service. The presenter must be qualified in the subject matter, so they can answer questions and direct the discussion in an appropriate fashion to achieve CE credit. This requires separate submissions of credentials for each individual presenting, which must meet the presenter requirements as listed above in Section 7.04.*

**Programs educating
about a product, service**