

**LAIM Credentials Requirements
Residency Training and Credentials Overview
2026-2027 RTO Form Instructions Part I**

Completed and Pending Requirements as of Credentials Review July 1, 2026 are indicated below.

Name of Resident:

Residency program start / end date (mm/dd/yyyy – mm/dd/yyyy):

Institution/ Name of Residency Training Program:

Type of Program:

Equine

Food Animal

Mixed

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	Requirements Completed as of July 1, 2026	Outstanding Requirements Pending Completion	If the requirement is fully completed, please state date Completed (mm/dd/yyyy)	Printed Name of Specialist and Signature where indicated (by **)
Clinical LAIM, Total (104 weeks minimum) <i>[SM 3.E.1]</i>	C			
	(Total of ALL weeks below)			
Clinical LAIM, Direct Supervision by LAIM Diplomate (52 weeks) <i>[SM 3.E.2]</i>	D			
Clinical training, Direct Supervision by LAIM / SAIM / Cardiology / Neurology / Oncology / Nutrition Diplomate or Associate (16 weeks) <i>[SM 3.E.3]</i>	E			**
Other clinical training / scholarly activity (36 weeks) <i>[SM 3.E.4]</i>	F			**
List each activity in this column as shown in the examples below:	(Total of ALL Other clinical training/scholarly activity weeks)			**
1. Additional LAIM weeks				**
2. Other rotations (specify*)				**
3. Research and scholarly activity				**
4. Boards prep				**
5. Vacation				**
6. Conference attendance				**
7. Other				**
*Pathology, radiology, and ultrasound training can be included here if completed in week-long blocks of time. If completed in hours, add below.				**
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	Requirements Completed as of July 1, 2026	Outstanding Requirements Pending Completion	If the requirement is fully completed, please state date Completed (mm/dd/yyyy)	Printed Name of Specialist and Signature where indicated (by **)

G Journal Club Requirement [SM 3.E.11] (80 hour minimum)

Hours completed as of July 1, 2026:
 Outstanding requirements pending completion:
 If fully completed, state date completed (mm/dd/yyyy):
 Printed name and signature of Specialist:

H Clinical or Anatomical Pathology. [SM 3.E.6] (40 hours required) Fill out here if completed in hours and not filled out in table.

Hours completed as of July 1, 2026:
 Outstanding requirements pending completion:
 If fully completed, state date completed (mm/dd/yyyy):
 Printed name and signature of Specialist:

I Radiology. [SM 3.E.5] (40 hours required). Fill out here if completed in hours and not filled out in table.

Hours completed as of July 1, 2026:
 Outstanding requirements pending completion:
 If fully completed, state date completed (mm/dd/yyyy):
 Printed name and signature of Specialist:

J Ultrasound. [SM 3.E.5] (40 hours required). Fill out here if completed in hours and not filled out in table.

Hours completed as of July 1, 2026:
 Outstanding requirements pending completion:
 If fully completed, state date completed (mm/dd/yyyy):
 Printed name and signature of Specialist:

Publication requirement. [SM 3.E.9] Please insert title below and attach evidence (e.g., accepted publication, letter of acceptance and final version of manuscript). Note – shaded box will expand upon typing:

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Research and Scholarly Activity Requirement: [SM 3.E.8] Residents must allocate at least 12 weeks for research and scholarly activity in the pursuit of publication over the period of the residency. Residents must complete at least ONE of the following tasks. Please mark ALL activities that have been completed, or if not completed, please mark the 'not yet completed' box. **You must attach documentation/evidence of completion (either attendance certificate/program, or letter from Residency Advisor, etc.)**

Scholarly Activity	Check applicable box and attach evidence of completion
Submission of a prospective research grant/project pertinent to LAIM	
Presentation of an abstract of original work at a scientific meeting (either oral or poster)	
Completion of a prospective or retrospective research project	
Completion of graduate course work in biostatistics, research methods, and/or research ethics	
Successful completion of at least six hours of seminars or classes, offered by ACVIM or through online courses/other institutions covering research-related subjects such as: Critical evaluation of the veterinary medical/biomedical literature, grant writing, or study design and participation in clinical trials	
Not yet completed	

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Attendance at a CE meeting: [SM 3.E.12] Residents must attend one major state, regional, national, or international veterinary medical or human medical continuing education meeting during the residency.

Please document your completed CE meeting attendance.

Dates of Meeting	(mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy, or indicate NA if not yet completed)
Location of Meeting	
Name of the CE Meeting	

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Yearly Formal Conference Presentation: [SM 3.E.12] Residents are required to give a formal presentation at a conference or seminar each year of the residency.

Please document your completed seminars to date.

Title of Presentation	Type of Conference (CE meeting, hospital seminar series, etc.)	Date Given

N

Exam Review/Preparation Sessions: [SM 3.E.12] Residents must attend at least 80 hours of review sessions or courses on topics covered in the General or Specialty Examinations during the residency. Attending daily clinical rounds **does not** fulfill this requirement. This requirement can also be met in part by attending ACVIM advanced continuing education (ACE) courses, the ACVIM Forum, or other conferences or meetings, including online programs.

Please describe below how these 80 hours are being obtained or were obtained:

Evaluation Requirement: [SM 6] LAIM candidates are required to receive a minimum of two (2) formal (written and oral) evaluations per year of Residency.

Please document your completed evaluation dates.

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Date of Evaluation (m/d/yyyy)	Printed Name and Signature of Supervising Diplomate and/or Resident Advisor

Resident Candidate Name (Print/Type)

Resident Advisor Name (Print/Type)

Program Director Name (Print/Type)

Resident Candidate Signature (Date)

Resident Advisor Signature (Date)

Program Director Signature

RTO Form Instructions Part II

- A. Include the number of weeks, hours, or reports (as applicable) completed by July 1, 2026 for each category listed.
- B. Include the number of weeks, hours, or reports (as applicable) remaining to be completed in each category listed. Note that the data is not cumulative across activities.

C. Distribution of Time in Training [SM 3 E.1]

An approved LAIM Residency Training Program (RTP) must have a minimum duration of 104 weeks and the resident must have at least two ACVIM Diplomates, one of whom must be an ACVIM LAIM Diplomate [SM 4.A.2 – LAIM SUPERVISION].

If a resident is unable to participate in the RTP continuously, then the time in training must be arranged in blocks of time of no less than 2 weeks each with a minimum of 12 weeks of training in any calendar year. The maximum duration of a RTP is five (5) years [SM Appendix A: IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS - NON-TRADITIONAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM IN LAIM].

****NOTE: Should equal total of all weeks documented in rows D , E and F.**

D. Clinical LAIM, Direct Supervision by LAIM Diplomate [SM 3.E.2]

A minimum of 52 of the 104 weeks of a LAIM RTP must consist of intensive clinical training in LAIM. Additional weeks spent in LAIM training are desirable. During this time, the resident must be under the direct supervision of 1 or more LAIM SDs.

E. Clinical Training, Direct Supervision by LAIM / SAIM / Cardiology / Neurology / Oncology Diplomate or Associate [SM 3.E.3]:

A minimum of 16 weeks of the remaining minimum of 52 weeks of a LAIM RTP must consist of clinical training under the direct supervision of 1 or more SDs and/or SSSDs who are ACVIM Diplomates or ECEIM Diplomates. At least 6 of these 16 weeks must be under the supervision of Diplomates other than the primary SDs, which can include ACVIM Diplomates in cardiology, neurology, nutrition, oncology and/or SAIM, or additional ACVIM LAIM Diplomates or ECEIM Diplomates. These 6 weeks cannot be supervised by the SDs supervising the aforementioned 52 weeks of intensive clinical training in LAIM at SI, if the RTP has fewer than 2 ACVIM LAIM Diplomates at either the primary or other sites.

F. Other clinical training / Scholarly activity [SM 3.E.4]:

The remaining minimum of 36 weeks of a LAIM RTP, should consist predominantly of additional LAIM training or training in related fields. This may include rotations in related clinical fields, such as dermatology, ophthalmology, surgery, theriogenology, emergency medicine and critical care, clinical pharmacology, and/or anesthesiology. Some of these 36 weeks must also include nonclinical responsibilities, such as writing, research, teaching, attendance at scientific meetings, study time for examinations, and vacation. However, no more than 2 weeks (10 business days) of vacation per year can be counted

toward these 36 weeks. The following required experiences in radiology and pathology can also be counted within these 36 weeks.

****NOTE: Top sub-row should illustrate total of all sub-rows beneath (total of all “Other clinical training/ Scholarly Activity” weeks). If *Pathology, radiology, and ultrasound training have been completed in week-long blocks of time, they can be documented in this section. Otherwise, they should be recorded (in hours) where indicated beneath the table.**

- ❖ Use as many lines as needed. Denote the total weeks completed and remaining weeks in the columns to the right. For each activity, state the supervisor’s name in the far right column, and obtain their signature unless signed off in the previous reporting period (use “obtained” to denote this).
- ❖ FOR REFERENCE:
 - Specialty Manual – Section 3.E.8 : Research and Scholarly Activity
 - Section 3.E.13: Study Time
 - Section 3.E.14: Vacation and Personal Time

At least 12 weeks of the remaining 36 weeks of a LAIM RTP must be allocated for research and scholarly activity in the pursuit of publication. Residents are encouraged to participate in clinical or laboratory research projects, including the design, execution, evaluation, presentation of an abstract at the annual ACVIM Forum, and publication

the resident to prepare for the ACVIM General Examination. Study time should be scheduled to immediately precede the examination date by as much as is practical. An additional minimum of 4 weeks (preferably without emergency duty) of study time must be allocated to the resident to prepare for the LAIM Specialty Examination. Study time should be scheduled to immediately precede the examination date by as much as is practical.

Vacation time varies between Sponsoring Institutions, but no more than 6 weeks in total can be included in the 36 weeks for 3-year RTPs, and no more than 4 weeks in total can be included in the 36 weeks for 2-year RTPs. Additional vacation and personal time, however, may be granted to a resident, just not counted in RTP training time. An RTP is expected to provide reasonable accommodation for a resident’s medical needs (e.g., doctor’s appointments, etc.).

G. Journal Club [SM 3.E.11]:

Large animal internal medicine residents must participate in at least 80 hours of journal club throughout the RTP as stated in the Certification Manual. The objective of the journal club is to foster critical thinking and improve the resident’s understanding of and ability to interpret scientific and clinical data, including statistical analysis. Journal club typically consists of 1 hour of protected time at which at least one SD must be in

attendance, unless extenuating circumstances develop. SSSDs and experts in other disciplines, including statistics, should also be invited to attend. This Manual allows for remote journal club and joint journal clubs between SIs or training sites. Large animal internal medicine residents are encouraged to keep a log of journal club activities that includes the date, journal articles discussed, and those in attendance.

H. Pathology Training [SM 3.E.6]:

During the residency, the resident must spend the equivalent of at least 40 hours in direct one-on-one contact with a Board-Certified veterinary clinical pathologist or anatomic pathologist; remote training is acceptable when necessary. The training includes evaluating clinical pathologic findings, performing necropsy examinations, reviewing cytology preparations and biopsies, and attending clinical pathologic conferences or seminars. The pathology training may be accrued in training hours rather than training weeks.

I. Diagnostic Imaging Training [SM 3.E.5]:

This remaining minimum of 36 weeks of a LAIM RTP must include two weeks (80 hours) training in diagnostic imaging. A minimum of one week (40 hours) must be in direct, one-on-one contact with a Board-Certified veterinary radiologist interpreting radiograph, learning, and evaluating the results of special imaging techniques, and attending radiology rounds and/or seminars. The second week (40 hours) of diagnostic imaging must be spent training in ultrasonography, under the direct supervision of a ABVS or EBVS Board-Certified radiologist and/or under the direct supervision of an ACVIM LAIM Diplomate with advanced skills in ultrasonography. The diagnostic imaging training may be accrued in training hours rather than training weeks.

J. Diagnostic Imaging Training [SM 3.E.5]:

As stated in (I) above, the other forty (40) hours of diagnostic imaging during the residency must be spent being directly trained in ultrasonographic imaging either by a board-certified radiologist and/or by one or more LAIM Diplomate(s) with advanced skills in ultrasonography.

K. Research and Scholarly Activity Requirement [SM 3.E.8]:

Residents must complete at least one of the stated activities listed in the chart over the course of the residency training program. It must be documented with evidence by a letter from the residency advisor or submission of evidence of completion (attendance certificate, abstract listed in a conference program, etc.).

L. Attendance at a CE Meeting [SM 3.E.12]:

Large animal internal medicine residents must attend or participate in at least 1 major state, regional, national, or international veterinary medical or human medical continuing education conference during the RTP. Documentation of attendance at the conference must be included in the LAIM credentials packet if the requirement has been met at the time the Credentials Packet is submitted.

LAIM residents are strongly encouraged to give a scientific presentation at a regional, state, or national meeting at least once during the RTP. This may fulfill the requirement a formal presentation as well (see M below). Please use this section to document attendance at CE meeting by including the name of the meeting, the meeting dates, and the dates of the meeting. If the CE meeting requirement has not yet been completed, please denote that in the table.

M. Yearly Formal Conference Presentation [SM 3.E.12]:

The LAIM resident must give 1 formal presentation at such a formal conference a minimum of once per residency year. A presentation at a regional, state, or national meeting may also fulfill this requirement. Remote presentations at approved conferences and meetings are acceptable. Documentation of these presentations, for example a copy of the program from the regional, state, or national meeting, must be included in the LAIM credentials packet. Please use the table to document all completed presentations.

N. Exam Review/Preparation Sessions [SM 3.E.12]:

Residents must attend at least 80 hours of review sessions or courses on topics covered in the General or Specialty Examinations during the residency. Attending daily clinical rounds does not fulfill this requirement. This requirement can also be met in part by attending ACVIM advanced continuing education (ACE) courses, the ACVIM Forum, or other conferences or meetings, including online programs. Use the box provided to document how those hours have been obtained.

O. Evaluation Requirement [SM 6]:

RTPs are responsible for conducting performance evaluations (verbal and written) of each resident every 6 months, preferably including feedback from all SDs and other SSSDs, who have overseen training in the preceding 6 months. Please use the table to document the dates of the 2 evaluations that were performed in the last year.