

**Academic Assessment Plan**

**University of Florida**

**Academic Affairs**

**Academic Colleges**

**College of Veterinary Medicine**

**Certificates**

**Veterinary Forensic Sciences**

**Veterinary Forensic Sciences Certificate Mission**

Apply techniques in forensic science and medicine to veterinary medical sciences through distance education.

**Responsible Roles:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)

**Program:** Veterinary Forensic Sciences

**Progress:** Ongoing

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**2015-16 PG 1: Increase enrollment**

Increase enrollment in the Veterinary Forensic Sciences graduate certificate program.

**Evaluation Method**

Track enrollment trends.

**Responsible Role:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)

**Progress:** Ongoing

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**2015-16 SLO 1: Knowledge**

Students identify the critical role veterinarians play as the medical professional in a legal investigation.

**SLO Area (select one):** Knowledge (Grad)

**Responsible Role:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)

**Progress:** Ongoing

**Assessment Method**

Students are assessed by faculty using criterion-referenced assessments during VME 6575 Veterinary Forensic Medicine (a 3 credit course offered each fall semester).

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**2015-16 SLO 2: Skills**

Students conduct an animal crime scene investigation.

**SLO Area (select one):** Knowledge (Grad)

**Responsible Role:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)

**Progress:** Ongoing

**Assessment Method**

Students are assessed by faculty using criterion-referenced assessments.

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**2015-16 SLO 3: Knowledge**

Students recognize and respond to basic scientific and legal principles of physical evidence.

**SLO Area (select one):** Knowledge (Grad)**Responsible Role:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)**Progress:** Ongoing**Assessment Method**

Students are assessed by faculty using criterion-referenced assessments during VME 6054 Scientific and Legal Principles of Forensic Evidence (a 3 credit course offered once each spring semester).

**2015-16 SLO 4: Skill**

Students recognize and respond to entomological evidence

**SLO Area (select one):** Knowledge (Grad)**Responsible Role:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)**Progress:** Ongoing**Assessment Method**

Students are assessed by faculty in ENY 6706 Forensic Entomology using criterion-referenced assessments (a 3-credit course offered once each fall semester).

**2015-16 SLO 5: Skills**

Students assess the existence of and respond to incidences of interpersonal violence and cruelty to animals

**SLO Area (select one):** Skills (Grad)**Responsible Role:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)**Progress:** Ongoing**Assessment Method**

Students are assessed by faculty using criterion-referenced assessment during VME 6051 Cruelty to Animal and Interpersonal Violence (a 3 credit course offered each spring semester).

**Veterinary Forensic Sciences AAP Detail****Start:** 7/1/2015**End:** 6/30/2016**Progress:** Ongoing**Providing Department:** Veterinary Forensic Sciences**Responsible Roles:** Associate Director (Byrd, Jason), Executive Associate Dean (Vickroy, Thomas)**Research (Graduate and Professional AAPs only)**

This is not a research program.

**Assessment Timeline (Graduate and Professional AAPs only)****Assessment Timeline for Veterinary Forensic Sciences Graduate Certificate**

Assessment	Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Assessment 4	Assessment 5
SLOs	VME 6575	VME 6052	VME 6054	ENY 6706	VME 6051
Knowledge					
#1	X				
#2		X			
Skills					
#3			X		
#4				X	
#5					X

**Curriculum Map (UG AAPs only)**

**Assessment Cycle (All AAPs)****Assessment Cycle**

Analysis and Interpretation:

From May to June

Improvement Actions:

Completed by August 31

Dissemination:

Completed by September 30

<b>Year</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>19-20</b>	<b>20-21</b>
<b>SLOs</b>						
<b>Content Knowledge</b>						
#1	X	X	X	X	X	X
#2	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Skills</b>						
#3	X	X	X	X	X	X
#4	X	X	X	X	X	X
#5	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Methods and Procedures (UG and Certificate AAPs)**

Student performance is assessed by means of criterion-referenced assessments embedded within the courses.

**SLO Assessment Rubric (All AAPs)**

See attached.

 Discussion Rubric Final

**Measurement Tools (Graduate and Professional AAPs Only)****Direct Assessments**

Direct assessments of SLOs are made by instructors as assignments are completed and compared to the given grading rubrics for each assignment. All assessments are criterion-referenced projects.

**Indirect Assessments**

Other methods to assess the certificate include:

1. Annual evaluation of course enrollment and completion data
2. Annual evaluation of student retention and certificate completion data
3. Annual review of financials to ensure program is sustainable

**Assessment Oversight (All AAPs)****Assessment Oversight**

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**Academic Assessment Plan Entry Complete:** ☒