

RACE Categories

Details about the RACE Categories for Continuing Education. For more details about RACE, please see the AAVSB website.

SCIENTIFIC

From the RACE Standards, 2015 and 2016

“This category includes all conventional medical and surgical sub-categories that are evidence based. In addition to 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. This embraces but is not limited to topics related to “One Health” and public veterinary practice, epidemiology, food safety, public health, animal welfare, antimicrobial stewardship “in-service” training for publically employed veterinary medical professionals etc. Based on scientific principles, there must be an established “probability” of success that conforms to the medically accepted and scientifically supported standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.” (Section 2.01, p.2-3)

Non-Scientific-Clinical

From the RACE Standards, 2015 and 2016

“This category includes medical and surgical subject matter that is clinically applicable and related to the science of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease as it relates directly to patients. However, this subject matter does not meet the criteria of Category One, but rather is case based, anecdotal and/or undergoing scientific investigation. However, there must be an established “possibility” of success based on experience.” (Section 2.02, p.3)

Non-Scientific-Practice Management / Professional Development

From the RACE Standards, 2015 and 2016

“This category includes subject matter that helps make veterinary medical professionals more competent and capable in serving the public interest in the delivery of veterinary services but which is not necessarily scientific or clinical in nature. It can include but may not be limited to: business management, regulatory compliance, jurisprudence, skills based training in instrumentation, medical records, software management, member wellness, the art of veterinary practice and communication and veterinary ethics.” (Section 2.03, p.4)

Promotional

From the RACE Standards, 2016

“Programs demonstrating any of the following will not be accepted for RACE approval... Programs that the committee believes are solely for the purpose of marketing a product or service and which do not provide significant relevant information for an individual not using the specific product or service...” (Article IV. (c), p.6)

“Notwithstanding Article IV. (c). above, programs that are promotional in nature may be approved if:

1. *There is sufficient scientific or clinical content related to the product and presented in a balanced manner such that the program is useful to attendees who do not use the specific product or service*

2. *There is a clear indication to the participants at the beginning of the presentation of the relationships between the provider, presenter, and content of the program*
 3. *The PowerPoint presentation is submitted with the application.*
 4. *Details of presenter credentials are submitted for each alternate presenter of the program, including two letters of reference for each presenter who is not board certified or otherwise qualified as a subject matter expert" (Section 4.01, p.6)*
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