

### ACVP Dual Certification Sponsor Verification Form

Complete this form to endorse a candidate for the ACVP Phase II Examination **for Dual Certification**, for submission by the candidate at the time of application.

Questions? Contact: [exam@acvp.org](mailto:exam@acvp.org)

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Responsibilities of a sponsor

**General:** Sponsorship of a candidate is not to be taken lightly; sponsorship is one of the principal indices used by the ACVP in determining a candidate's preparedness to sit for the exam.

**Dual Certification:** Candidates applying for dual certification must complete the following training prior to attempting the relevant certification examination:

- Twelve months of training, at the equivalent of 40 hours per week, in the discipline sought. *Note: Portions of training from the primary training program cannot be applied to the second discipline.*
- At least 50% of the training must be completed in-person, with the sponsor.
- Please see the Candidate Handbook for additional details on training requirements.

**Phase II Examination Sponsors:** All applications require a sponsor. The person who is most responsible for the candidate's training in veterinary pathology must endorse this form. Dual certification sponsors must be certified by examination as an ACVP (Clinical Pathology) or ECVCP Diplomate for Clinical Pathology candidates, or an ACVP (Anatomic Pathology) or ECVCP Diplomate for Anatomic Pathology candidates. For more on Dual Certification sponsorship, please see the ACVP Candidate Handbook.

#### Dual Certification Sponsor, please check the appropriate box(es):

- I am an ACVP Diplomate.
- I am an ECVCP Diplomate.
- I am an ECVCP Diplomate.

Name of Diplomate (Sponsor): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of co-sponsor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

The sponsor/Diplomate endorser must not have an obvious conflict of interest with the candidate, as would be viewed by an objective outside observer. If there are circumstances or relationships which may be perceived as a potential conflict of interest, please provide a detailed explanation:

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*(Answer both parts A and B.)*

**Part A: Sponsor Endorsement – Adequate training.** The sponsor’s endorsement certifies that the applicant has been provided the training experience, preparation time and access to training materials adequate to sit for and pass the Phase II Certifying Examination.

- I accept being sponsor for this candidate as stated above, endorse the candidate, and confirm that the candidate has had, or will have by the time of the examination, training adequate to sit for and pass the Phase II Certifying Examination.

**Part B: Sponsor Endorsement – Proficiency in non-testable skills.** ACVP requires sponsor verification that the candidate has demonstrated proficiency in the following entry-level skills that are non-testable by the examination but considered critical based on the results of the ACVP Role Delineation Study. ACVP does not expect that all trainees will be equally versed in all areas but does expect the sponsor’s assurance that the candidate is adequately prepared to perform the tasks with at least a basic level of competency. [See list of non-testable skills.](#)

- I certify that the candidate has demonstrated proficiency in these skills.

If you wish to provide any additional comments about this applicant’s training, use the space below:

**By signing below, I certify that the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.**

Sponsor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_