NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY LICENSING EXAM (NAVLE)

DATES OFFERED: TBA for 2016-2017, but for 2015-2016 the dates will be: November 16-December 12, 2015, and April 11-23, 2016.

THE EXAM:
A 360 multiple choice questions, computer-based test. You will have a total of 7.5 hours at the test center; 15 minute orientation and tutorial, 6.5 hours of testing time divided into 65 minutes each, and 45 minutes of break time. See this website for a wealth of information about the exam www.nbvme.org.

REGISTERING FOR THE EXAM:
You must register to take the NAVLE through a state licensing board. For example, if you are seeking licensure in Wisconsin, you will apply to the Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services to obtain permission to take the exam. If you want a license from another state, you may choose to register for the NAVLE through that state. OAA staff will assist students in applying for the NAVLE during the spring VM3 Professional Skills course.

There are very specific deadlines for registering for the NAVLE and they vary from state-to-state. Wisconsin’s deadline is 140 days before the test is first offered. For contact information and requirements in the various states, please visit this website: http://www.aavsb.org/ Candidates with documented disabilities must request specific accommodations prior to, or at the time of their initial application to the licensing board.

In September, after registering for the NAVLE, candidates are electronically sent the information needed to register for a specific exam date. The exam is administered at Prometric Testing Centers across the U.S. You may take the exam at any Prometric Center, regardless of which state you registered through. You will be responsible for choosing your exam date and scheduling an appointment to take the exam. Space is limited at Prometric Centers, so register as soon as you receive your permit to do so.

COST:
In 2015-2016 the cost of applying for a Wisconsin license was $165.00. Licensing costs vary from state-to-state, and can vary from year-to-year. The cost for the NAVLE in November/December 2015 and April 2016 is $605.00. (Costs may increase for 2016-2017.)

LICENSURE in the U.S.
Licensure in the U.S. is under the control of each state. Be sure you understand the rules and regulations for licensure in the state(s) in which you wish to be licensed, because they vary. Wisconsin has an online exam on state and federal laws which all license applicants must pass. Some states have additional exams required for licensure. Again, check this website: http://www.aavsb.org/ for contact information and requirements in different states.