NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY LICENSING EXAM (NAVLE)
Administered by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)

DATES OFFERED (Typically updated by ICVA.net in June of each year)
As an approximation for next year, administration dates fall within the following dates for 2017-2018:
November 13 – December 9, 2017
April 9 – 21, 2018

THE EXAM
The NAVLE is a computer-based test, comprised of 360 multiple choice questions. 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 6 blocks of 65 minutes each, and 45 minutes of break time. See www.ICVA.net for a wealth of information regarding the exam.

REGISTERING FOR THE EXAM
In addition to applying to NBVME through the ICVA (referred to as application #1), you must register and be verified simultaneously to take the NAVLE through a state licensing board (application #2).

As an example, if you are seeking licensure in Wisconsin, you will apply to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) by the posted deadline, to obtain permission to take the exam. If you would like to obtain a license from another state upon graduation, 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. The ICVA requires that all NAVLE candidates submit their application #1 online through their website, by August 1. Wisconsin’s deadline (application #2) is 30 days prior to the registration deadline the NBVME gives (so approximately July 1).

Candidates with documented disabilities must request specific accommodations prior to, or at the time of their initial application to the state & national (ICVA) licensing boards.

In September, after successfully registering for the NAVLE (submitting both applications prior to their respective deadlines), candidates are electronically sent a scheduling permit 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. Do NOT lose your scheduling permit, as it is your only entry into the exam!

COST
The NAVLE fee for the 2017-2018 testing cycle is $635.00. (Costs are likely to increase for 2018-2019.)

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 do vary.

Wisconsin has an online exam on state and federal laws, which all Wisconsin license applicants must pay separately for and pass. Some states have additional exams required for licensure. Be sure to check the following website for contact information and requirements in different states: http://www.aavsb.org/