CIAED Certification General Guideline and Policies

The CIAED offers a neutral testing ground for members to have their equine dental skills evaluated according to the CIAED Standard. All CIAED Certification Standards are based on scientific research published in peer-reviewed journals worldwide.

CIAED Certification General Policy

- To be a candidate for CIAED Certification you must be a CIAED member in good standing
- The CIAED Certification Candidate must not have a pending grievance
- CIAED Certification Candidates must meet all prerequisite requirements
- CIAED Certification will require that candidates successfully complete a CIAED written examination as set out by the CIAED Board prior to attempting the CIAED practical examination
- CIAED Certification will require that candidates successfully complete a CIAED Practical Examination as set out by the CIAED Board
- Both the written and practical parts of the CIAED Certification Examination must be passed by 80% or better to receive CIAED Certification

CIAED Candidate Requirement Policy

1. Candidates must be a graduate of a formal International Association of Equine Dentistry (IAED) recognized equine dental education program with at least 240 hours of education
2. Candidates that have attended a Veterinary School must have 80 hours designated to equine dental education
3. Required to have a signature of tow (2) CIAED Certified Members who will testify to the candidate's ability. Signatures must be within 60 days of the candidate applying for their practical certification exam.
4. Application, along with payment is required 30 days prior to practical exam certification date.

CIAED Certification Expectations

Certification candidates are tested on the following areas of proficiency

Gross Head Anatomy – identification, location, and function of:

- Bones
- Muscles
- Arteries
- Veins
- Nerves

- Salivary glands
- Tooth Structure
- Principals of Mastication
- Terminology
- Aging
- Dental Prophylaxis

CIAED Certification Candidate is expected to identify the dental malocclusions.

The candidate must pass the written exam with 80% or higher prior to attempting the practical exam. Practical exams must be completed within one (1) year of passing the written certification exam. Each candidate will have the opportunity to perform supervised dental procedures on a pre-screened testing horse.

Two CIAED Examiners will evaluate the work independently and their scores combined. To pass the candidate must score 80% or higher.

To maintain CIAED Certification, members are required to keep their membership current and complete at least 24 hours of Continuing Education (CE) every 2 years as outlined in CE requirements.

CIAED Certification Continuing Education Requirements

1. To maintain CIAED Certification, you must prove 24 hours of CIAED approved Continuing Education, of which 8 hours must be wetlab, every (2) years.
2. The CIAED will designate 24 credit hours to attending a (3) three-day IAED Convention, designation of (8) eight hours per day.

CIAED Policy Requirements for Formal Equine Dental Education Programs:

For the purpose of CIAED Certification "Formal Education" and "Graduate" is defined in the following: Formal learning (education and/or training in a formal setting) is always organized, and structured and has learning objectives, with the explicit objective of the student/learner to gain knowledge, skills and/or competences.

The Equine Dental Education Program Curriculum must:

- Be detailed
- Be organized and structured
- Follow a planned course of study
- Define the philosophy of the program with learning objectives
- Define the student/learner's explicit objectives to gain knowledge, skill, and competence.

The Equine Dental Education Program Syllabus must be detailed with time frames and hours of attendance requirements to include:

- Lecture – topics
- Tutorials
- Private study requirements – list of reference study publications, books, etc.
- Hands-on/wet labs. The student/learner must be evaluated throughout the program to monitor progress and competence to continue to the next component of the course.

For CIAED Certification requirements the Equine Dental Education Program GRADUATE (student/learner) must complete the course of study and training components successfully and receive a document that is proof of successful completion.