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# Changes in the UPM Academic Calendars during Pandemic COVID-19

- Changes in the academic calendar due to Pandemic Covid-19:
  - Semester 2, 2020/2021 began 10 February 2020
    - TnL was halted starting from week 6 (18 March 2020)
    - Resumed on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020
  - Semester 1, 2020/2021 began 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020
  - Semester 2, 2020/2021 began 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021
  - Semester 1, 2021/2022 began 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021
  - Semester 2, 2022/2022 begins 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

<sup>\*</sup> Academic calendars delayed one month

### **CHALLENGES**

READINESS

TECHNICAL /
PEDAGOGICAL
SKILLS

DISTANCE LEARNING TRAINING

RESOURCES/ EQUIPMENTS

INTERNET CONNECTION

**DIGITAL SKILLS** 

POOR ENGAGEMENT

LACKING IN E-LEARNING EXPERIENCE

DATA PROTECTION
& COPYRIGHT
ISSUES

PSYCHOMOTOR DOMAIN

EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT METHOD

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL

Source: CADe UPM

## **SOLUTIONS**

Digital competence and skills

IT skills, current technology in e-learning

Web conferencing solutions

Zoom, Webex, Google classroom, Microsoft Teams

New norm-physical distancing

Smaller size classroom to accommodate

Internet connection

Data plan, Wi-Fi alternatives for incapable students

Training module

Online courses by CADE, UPM

Engagement & Creative materials online

Digital delivery skills, Putrablast, Synchronous teaching

Wellbeing

Survey, adaptability, KPI

Source: CADe UPM

## EXAMPLES OF TRAINING MODULES OFERED BY CADE TO SUPPORT E-LEARNING



























Source: CADe UPM

### Challenges and Solutions in Delivery of Didactic Course during Pandemic COVID-19

- Semester 2, 2020/2021 resumed on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020
  - Year 1 to Year 4 DVM students continued lectures via online platforms at home; Webex, Zoom, etc.
  - Year 5 resumed their hands-on clinical rotations in the campus (DVM Graduate 2020)
- Semester 1, 2020/2021 began 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020
  - Year 1 to Year 5 DVM students, lectures were conducted via online platforms at home
- Semester 2, 2020/2021 began 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021
  - Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 DVM students, lectures were conducted via online platforms at home
  - Year 5 continued their **hands-on clinical rotations** in the campus (DVM Graduate 2021)
- Semester 1, 2021/2022 from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 20 February 2022
  - Years 1, 2 and 3, weeks 1-7, lectures were conducted via online platforms **at home**, and weeks 8-14 **in the campus** (student college/village)
  - Years 4 and 5, weeks 1-14, lectures are conducted via online platforms in the campus (student college/village)



# Challenges and Solutions in Implementing Practical/Clinical Training during the Pandemic COVID-19

#### Semester 2, 2020/2021 resumed on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

- Year 1 to Year 4 DVM students continued practical training via online platforms; Webex, Zoom, etc. (videos were prepared by lecturers for the practical sections)
- Year 5 DVM students, continued clinical rotation (diagnostic labs, ward, ICU, sx, etc) physically, and successfully completed 14 weeks of their study period for Semester 2, 2019/2020 (final exam, professional exam, was conducted 4 weeks delayed as compared to the other programme in UPM).

#### Semester 1, 2020/2021 began 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

 Year 1 to Year 5 DVM students, practical training & clinical rotations were conducted via online platforms at home

#### Semester 2, 2020/2021 began 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

- Year 1 and Year 2 DVM students, practical training was conducted via online platforms at home
- Years 3, 4 & 5 DVM students, surgery practical training for Year 3 & clinical rotations for Years 4
   & 5 were conducted in the campus
- Year 5 DVM students completed 21 weeks of clinical rotations; 14 + 7 weeks (the additional 7 weeks were continued until week 7 Semester 1, 2021/2022), and sitting for the professional examination in December 2021.

#### Semester 1, 2021/2022 from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 20 February 2022

- Years 1, 2 and 3, weeks 1-7, practical training was scheduled in weeks 8-14 and conducted in the campus
- Years 4 and 5, weeks 1-14, lectures were conducted via online platforms (in the campus) and hands-on clinical rotations are conducted in the campus.



### Challenges and Solutions in Conducting Industrial Training during the Pandemic COVID-19

- Conducted during semester breaks (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4):
  - Semester 2, 2020/2021
    - Year 1 Animal Shelter, online platforms
    - Year 2 Ruminant, in campus physical industrial training (University Agriculture Park)
    - Year 3 Wildlife and Poultry were conducted as usual in Semester 1, 2020/2021
       Diagnostic Labs (introductory), in campus industrial training (VLSU)
    - Year 4 Diagnostic Labs and Clinics, in campus industrial training (VLSU & UVH)
  - Semester 1, 2020/2021
    - Year 1 Animal Shelters, online platforms
    - Year 2 Ruminant, in campus physical industrial training (University Agriculture Park)
    - Year 3 Wildlife (online) and Poultry, online platforms + physical industrial training will be conducted before
      professional examination

Diagnostic Labs (introductory), in campus industrial training (VLSU)

- Year 4 Diagnostic Labs and Clinics, in campus industrial training (VLSU & UVH)
- Semester 2, 2020/2021
  - Year 1 Animal Shelters, online platforms
  - Year 2 Ruminant, online platforms + physical industrial training will be conducted before professional examination
  - Year 3 Wildlife (online) and Poultry, online platforms + physical industrial training will be conducted before
    professional examination

Diagnostic Labs (introductory), in campus industrial training (VLSU)

- Year 4 Diagnostic Labs and Clinics, blended during 5<sup>th</sup> year clinical rotations (with extra modules)
- Semester 1, 2021/2022 (current)
  - Years 1, 2, 3 and 4, will continue the industrial training as usual (before the pandemic COVID-19)



## Conclusion

- Faculty provides online and recorded lectures to the students during the pandemic COVID-19
- Practical training (sx) and clinical training (rotation) were conducted physically
- Industrial training was conducted online (1st year students) and in campus,
   University Agriculture Park (TPU) and University Veterinary Hospital (UVH)



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