

**University of Agronomical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASVMB)**  
**Animal Diagnosis and Testing Laboratory Technology Training Center**  
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Delaware Technical and Community College assisted the University of Agronomical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASVMB) to plan the development and implementation of an animal diagnosis and testing laboratory technology training center to serve the needs of personnel employed in laboratories operated by the Romanian government, higher education, and the commercial food and animal production industries. The Veterinary Laboratory Technician Certificate program was developed by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in collaboration with experts from Delaware Tech during a two-year program funded by the U.S. Government through USAID and USDA. This program was designed to meet the continuing educational demands of those employed in both the state veterinary authorities and commercial laboratories in Romania. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine used the Delaware Tech Medical Laboratory Technician program as its model to increase Romania's capacity to respond to outbreaks of avian influenza and other animal disease, improve animal health, and comply with EU food safety standards.

In addition to offering the certificate program, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine established new training laboratories. One laboratory is dedicated to support the Veterinary Laboratory Technician Certificate program. This laboratory, which was inaugurated August 30, 2007, during a ribbon cutting ceremony, is furnished with new modern equipment and supplies purchased by USAID with technical assistance from Delaware Tech.

A member of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVMB) spent three months at Delaware Tech's Owens Campus in Georgetown. Working closely with Delaware Tech's faculty from the Medical Laboratory Technology Department, he developed a curriculum with student learning outcomes for the training of veterinary laboratory technicians, veterinarians and supervisors. The curriculum is designed to be completed in two years and is being offered as a continuing education program for working professionals in state run laboratories as well as private industries such as animal pharmaceutical manufacturers and food processing companies. Delaware Tech also organized a two weeks training program for the FVMB Clinical department chair and the two faculty to prepare them for developing and implementing a veterinary laboratory technician training program at the FVMB.