APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLINICAL TRACK

A. Definition of the Clinical Track

The Clinical Track is designed for those pursuing a career that focuses mostly on clinical care and a variable degree of involvement in teaching and/or scholarship. Although there is no mandated ascension in rank, success and promotion are desirable.

Faculty in the Clinical Track do not qualify for sabbatical leaves. Clinical Track faculty may be candidates for emeritus/emerita status.

B. Ranks in the Clinical Track

The Clinical Track includes four ranks: clinical instructor, clinical assistant professor, clinical associate professor, and clinical professor. The working title (e.g., Assistant Professor, Clinical Track) is used on all appointment and promotional correspondence and the curriculum vitae. The official title (e.g., Clinical Assistant Professor) will be reflected in university human resources databases.

Time in rank alone is NOT sufficient for advancement in rank.

To obtain a faculty position in the clinical track for persons without an MD degree, a terminal degree in their field is required and those individuals need to be clinical practitioners and eligible as members of their respective practice plans.

Currently, appointments are annual renewal. The proposal is to change the length of appointments to 1, 2, or 3 year-term appointments. A change in the clinical track to 1, 2 or 3 year contracts has recently been approved by the Board of Regents for the Kansas State University, School of Veterinary Medicine.