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This newsletter serves to report on the accreditation actions and other activities of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA).

Accreditation Actions

At its November 1-4, 2018 meeting, the CVTEA made the following accreditation decisions after reviewing reports of evaluation of site visits:

Congratulations to the following programs receiving Initial Accreditation:

- Ashworth College; Norcross, GA effective August 29, 2018
- Dakota County Technical College; Rosemount, MN effective September 14, 2018
- Medaille College-Online; Buffalo, NY effective August 10, 2018
- Pima Medical Institute; El Paso, TX effective August 29, 2018

The following veterinary technology programs were granted continued full accreditation following review of reports of evaluation of accreditation site visits:

- Cedar Valley College; Lancaster, TX
- Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI
- Northwestern Connecticut Community College; Winsted, CT
- Rockford Career College; Rockford, IL
- Vet Tech Institute at International Business College; Indianapolis, IN
- Vet Tech Institute of Houston; Houston, TX

The following veterinary technology programs were elevated to full accreditation following review of reports of evaluation of accreditation site visits:

- Florida A&M University; Quincy, FL
- Iowa Lakes Community College, Estherville, IA
- Pima Medical Institute; Aurora, CO
- Platt College; Ontario, CA
- Windward Community College; Kaneohe, HI

Other Accreditation Actions
Continued Full Accreditation

- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College; Asheville, NC
- Athens Technical College; Athens, GA
- Baton Rouge Community College; Baton Rouge, LA
- Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology; Denver, CO
- California State Polytechnic University; Pomona, CA
- Carrington College; Citrus Heights, CA
- Carrington College; Sacramento, CA
- Carrington College; San Jose, CA
- Carrington College; San Leandro, CA
- Carrington College; Stockton, CA
- Carver Career Center and the Bridgevalley Career & Technical College; Charleston, WV
- Central New Mexico Community College; Albuquerque, NM
- College of Southern Idaho; Twin Falls, ID
- Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology; Colorado Springs, CO
- Colorado Mountain College; Glenwood Springs, CO
- Columbus State Community College; Columbus, OH
- Community College of Denver; Denver, CO
- Cosumnes River College; Sacramento, CA
- Crowder College; Neosho, MO
- Delgado Community College; Metairie, LA
- Eastern Florida State College; Cocoa, FL
- Foothill College; Los Altos Hills, CA
- Front Range Community College; Ft. Collins, CO
- Genesee Community College; Batavia, NY
- Gwinnett Technical College; Lawrenceville, GA
- Hinds Community College; Raymond, MS
- Independence Community College; Independence, KS
- Iowa Western Community College; Council Bluffs, IA
- Jefferson College; Hillsboro, MO
- Kirkwood Community College; Cedar Rapids, IA
- Lincoln Memorial University; Harrogate, TN
- Mercy College; Dobbs Ferry, NY
- Mesa Community College; Mesa, AZ
- Miller-Motte College; Raleigh, NC
- Mississippi State University; Mississippi State, MS
- Morehead State University; Morehead, KY
- Mount San Antonio College; Walnut, CA
- Muscatine Community College; Muscatine, IA
- North Shore Community College; Danvers, MA
- Northern Virginia Community College-Campus; Sterling, VA
- Northern Virginia Community College-Online; Sterling, VA
- Pima Medical Institute; Chula Vista, CA
- Pima Medical Institute; Houston, TX
- Pima Medical Institute; Las Vegas, NV
- Pima Medical Institute; Renton, WA
- Pima Medical Institute; Seattle, WA
- Portland Community College; Portland, OR
- Ross College; North Canton, OH
- San Juan College; Farmington, NM
- State University of New York (SUNY); Canton, NY
- State University of New York (SUNY); Delhi, NY
- Stautzenberger College; Brecksville, OH
- Tri-County Technical College; Pendleton, SC
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- University of Puerto Rico; San Juan, PR
- Vet Tech Institute at Bradford School; Columbus, OH
Continued Initial Accreditation

- City College; Gainesville, FL
- Colby Community College-Distance; Colby, KS
- Kent State University; Trumbull, OH
- Massasoit Community College; Canton, MA
- Midwest Institute; Fenton, MO
- Milwaukee Career College; Milwaukee, WI
- Navajo Technical College; Crownpoint, NM
- Norwalk Community College; Norwalk, CT
- Platt College; Anaheim, CA
- Stanbridge University; Irvine, CA
- Tyler Junior College; Tyler, TX
- Universidad del Turabo; Gurabo, PR
- Vatterott College; Fairview Heights, IL
- Westchester Community College; Valhalla, NY
- Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology; Wichita, KS
- YTI Career Institute; York, PA

Elevated from Probationary to Full Accreditation

- Blinn College; Bryan, TX
- Platt College; Alhambra, CA

Continued on Probationary Accreditation

- Pierpont Community & Technical College; Fairmont, WV
- San Joaquin Valley College; Fresno, CA

Placed on Probationary Accreditation effective November 4, 2018

- University of Puerto Rico; Arecibo, PR

Continued on Terminal Accreditation (expected closure date noted)

- Vista College; Lubbock, TX (March 2019)

Accreditation Withdrawn

- Harrison College; Evansville, IN
- Harrison College; Indianapolis, IN
- Vet Tech Institute at Hickey College; St. Louis, MO

VTNE Reporting to the Community

As a reminder, the Committee requires programs to notify the public of its performance in educating veterinary technicians by posting the following:

1) the three-year pass rate (based on a July 1 to June 30 reporting year) on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE)
2) the number of first-time candidates that have taken the VTNE, for the corresponding time frame as the reported VTNE pass rate.
3) the VTNE data on the website must be updated by September 1st of each calendar year. Information released to the public must be current, readily accessible, and accurate.

Note that programs are no longer required to post the number of eligible first-time candidates. Therefore, effective September 1, 2019, data representing the three-year pass percentage July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019 must be posted in the following format:

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**Accreditation Statistics**

There are 204 AVMA CVTEA-accredited programs in veterinary technology including 11 distance learning programs. Twenty-two programs offer baccalaureate degrees (eight offer bachelor degrees only and fourteen offer both associate and bachelor degrees). There are 156 programs assigned full accreditation, 44 assigned initial accreditation, 3 assigned probationary accreditation, and 1 on terminal accreditation. There are 44 site visits for 2018 including 3 new programs. A total of 44 site visits are scheduled for 2019 including 7 new programs. There are currently 14 programs that are applying for accreditation. A listing of the programs that have completed the application process and have been granted a site visit date can be found at https://www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Accreditation/Programs/Pages/applied.aspx

The CVTEA allows a maximum of 50 sites visits per year unless approved otherwise.

**Changes to the Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the CVTEA:**

The next publication of the Accreditation Policies and Procedures (P&P) of the CVTEA will be released January 2019. The Committee made the following changes to the Standards of Accreditation:

No changes of significance were made to the AVMA CVTEA Standards of Accreditation for the January 2019 publication.

Minor verbiage changes were made for clarification to Standard section 8a as follows (additions underlined, deletions struck-through):

An appropriate program personnel-to-student ratio must be maintained to ensure student safety and adequate delivery of instruction in program specific courses a variety of teaching environments.

The Committee approved the following changes to the policy sections of the P&P:

- Under Substantive Change Reporting – To require pre-approval for changes in legal status, form of control, or ownership of the parent college or institution in its entirety. In addition, the Committee removed the requirement for pre-approval for changes in degree nomenclature.

- Section V, under Procedures for Programs with Classification of Accreditation Withdrawn, the following amendments were made:

  A program will have accreditation withdrawn if:

  A) A program has been on Probationary Accreditation for two years with no significant progress to report.

  B) An institution that is, or has, voluntarily ceased operations closing its doors and does not meet the requirements for Terminal Accreditation.

  C) A program at Full, Initial, Terminal, Probationary Accreditation and/or Administrative Probation that has have matriculated all existing students.

  D) Fails to meet the requirements of Administrative Probation

- Section VI, under Accreditation Fees, the following amendments were made:

  Failure to pay the annual accreditation fee by April 15 July 1 of the assessed calendar year will result in a $5000 penalty fee.

  Programs with unpaid annual accreditation fees as of July 1 October 1 of the year due may result in Administrative Probation. Administrative Probation accreditation may result in a penalty fee up to double the annual accreditation fee.
The Committee will be sending out for feedback the following Standards and Sections of Appendix H (Equipment and Instructional Resources List) and Appendix I (Essential and Recommended Skills List). The survey will be sent out in January 2019.

- Standard 9 (Faculty and Staff)
- Standard 10 (Curriculum)
- Appendix I Section 2 (Pharmacy and Pharmacology)
- Appendix I Section 5 (Surgical Nursing)
- Appendix I Section 8 (Laboratory Animal Procedures)
- Appendix H Section on Instruction/Clinical Equipment

Comments and feedback regarding any Standard, policy or procedure are welcomed at any time by emailing AVMA staff at jhorvath@avma.org

**Ask the CVTEA: Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** For Standard 8a with regard to "Program personnel to student ratios shall not exceed 1:12 for laboratory courses without animals present and 1:8 for laboratory courses with animals present", do student lab assistants or work-study students count toward the ratio?

**A:** Student lab assistants or work study students are not considered eligible in demonstrating compliance with the Standard for Program personnel-to-student ratios.

**Future CVTEA Meetings**

- April 25-28, 2019
- November 7-9, 2019

The CVTEA meets biannually at the AVMA headquarters in Schaumburg, IL

**Other Important Dates**

- Association of Veterinary Technician Educators Symposium July 25-28, 2019; New Orleans, LA
- AVMA Annual Convention; August 2-6, 2019; Washington, DC

**CVTEA Roster and Terms 2018-2019**

- Dr. Jennifer Asher, representing laboratory animal medicine (2018-2024)
- Dr. Kelly Black, representing veterinary technician educators (2016-2022) *Vice-Chair*
- Ms. Tracy Blais, CVT, MS, representing veterinary technicians (2016-2022)
- Dr. Susan Bull, representing veterinary state boards (2015-2021)
- Ms. Mary Berg, BS, RVT, LATG, VTS (Dentistry), representing veterinary technicians (2017-2023)
- Dr. Dale Cooper, representing veterinary medicine industry (2016-2022)
- Ms. Ramona Crane, LVT, CVT, representing veterinary technicians (2014-2020)
- Dr. Ronda DeVold, representing private small animal practice (2014-2020; filling unexpired term 2018-2020)
- Ms. Kelly Foltz, LVT, VTS (ECC), representing veterinary technicians (2017-2023)
- Dr. Sandra Morales Foster, LVT, MSEM, DrPH, representing veterinary technicians (2017-2023)
- Dr. Jocelyn Forselle, representing Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (2017-2018)
- Dr. James Hoffmann, representing the AVMA Council on Education (2017-2018)
- Ms. Sharon Johnston, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia), representing veterinary technicians-non-program affiliated (2015-2021)
- Dr. Bruce Kinghorn, representing the public (2014-2020; filling unexpired term 2015-2020)
• Dr. Martha Malicote, representing clinical veterinary medicine, large animal (2013-2019) Chair
• Ms. Lisa Miller, representing the public (2015-2021)
• Dr. Seyedehdi Mobini, representing At-Large (2018-2024)
• Dr. Elizabeth Thompson, representing faculties of colleges of veterinary medicine (2017-2023)

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