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ACCREDITATION ACTIONS

At its November 3 – 6, 2022 meeting, the CVTEA made the following accreditation decisions after reviewing reports of evaluation of accreditation site visits:

Granted continued full accreditation:

- San Juan College-DLP; Farmington, NM
- Platt College; Alhambra, CA
- Blinn College; Bryan, TX

- Central New Mexico Community College; Albuquerque, NM
- Pima Medical Institute; Las Vegas, NV
- Columbus State Community College; Columbus, OH
- Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, GA

Elevated to full accreditation:

- Pima Medical Institute; Phoenix, AZ
- Pima Medical Institute; Dillon, MT

Continued Initial accreditation:

- Valley College, Cleveland, OH

Continued probationary accreditation:

- Delgado Community College; Metairie, LA
- Carrington College; Stockton, CA
- Stautzenberger College; Brecksville, OH
- Camden County College; Blackwood, NJ

At its November 3 – 6, 2022 meeting, the CVTEA made the following accreditation decisions after reviewing progress and/or interim reports:
(This list includes ONLY those programs reviewed at the November 3 -6, 2022 CVTEA meeting.)

Continued Full Accreditation

- Alfred State College; Alfred, NY
- Athens Technical College; Athens, GA
- Bel Rea Institute of Animal Technology; Denver, CO
- Bergen Community College; Paramus, NJ
- Carrington College; Sacramento, CA
- Chattanooga State Community College; Chattanooga, TN
- Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology; Colorado Springs, CO
- Dallas College; Lancaster, TX
- Front Range Community College; Ft. Collins, CO
- Holyoke Community College; Holyoke, MA
- Iowa Lakes Community College; Emmetsburg, IA
- Joliet Junior College; Joliet, IL
- Kent State University-Tuscarawas; New Philadelphia, OH
- LaGuardia Community College; Long Island City, NY

- Madison College; Madison, WI
- Manor College; Jenkintown, PA
- Miami-Dade College; Miami, FL
- Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI
- Middlesex Community College; Middletown, CT
- Midwest Institute; Fenton, MO
- Mount San Antonio College; Walnut, CA
- Northeast Community College; Norfolk, NE
- Northeast Iowa Community College; Calmar, IA
- Northwestern Connecticut Community College; Winsted, CT
- Piedmont Technical College; Newberry, SC
- Pima Medical Institute; Aurora, CO
- Pima Medical Institute; Chula Vista, CA
- Platt College; Ontario, CA
- Platt College; Riverside, CA
- Purdue University-Campus; West Lafayette, IN
- Purdue University-DLP; West Lafayette, IN
- Ridgewater College; Willmar, MN
- Rockford Career College; Rockford, IL
- Sinclair Community College; Dayton, OH
- State University of New York (SUNY); Delhi, NY
- Texas A&M University; Kingsville, TX
- University of New Hampshire; Durham, NH
- Vet Tech Institute at International Business College; Indianapolis, IN
- Vet Tech Institute of Houston; Houston, TX
- York County Community College; Wells, ME
- YTI Career Institute; York, PA

Continued Initial Accreditation

- Apex College of Veterinary Technology; Colorado Springs, CO
- Ashworth College; Norcross, GA
- Dakota County Technical College; Rosemount, MN
- Edison State Community College; Piqua, OH
- Institute of Medical and Business Careers; Erie, PA
- Long Island University; Brookville, NY
- Medaille University-Online; Buffalo, NY
- Minnesota North College; Ely, MN
- Pima Medical Institute; San Marcos, TX
- Western Colorado Community College; Grand Junction, CO

Elevated from Probationary to Full Accreditation effective November 6,

2022

- Central Coast College; Salinas, CA
- Colby Community College-Distance; Colby, KS
- Macomb Community College; Clinton Township, MI
- Massasoit Community College; Canton, MA
- Mountwest Community & Technical College; Huntington, WV
- Owensboro Community & Technical College; Owensboro, KY

Elevated from Probationary to Initial Accreditation effective November 6, 2022

- San Diego Mesa College; San Diego, CA
- Tyler Junior College; Tyler, TX

Continued on Probationary Accreditation

- Lancaster County Career & Technical College; Willow Street, PA
- Navajo Technical College; Crown Point, NM
- Northshore Technical College; Greensburg, LA
- Pittsburg Career Institute; Pittsburgh, PA
- Ross College-North Canton; Canton, OH
- San Joaquin Valley College; Fresno, CA
- Stautzenberger College; Maumee, OH
- University of Puerto Rico; Arecibo, PR

Placed on Probationary Accreditation effective November 6, 2022

- Florida A&M University; Quincy, FL
- Iowa Lakes Community College; Emmetsburg, IA
- Pierpont Community and Technical College; Fairmont, WV
- Pima Medical Institute; El Paso, TX

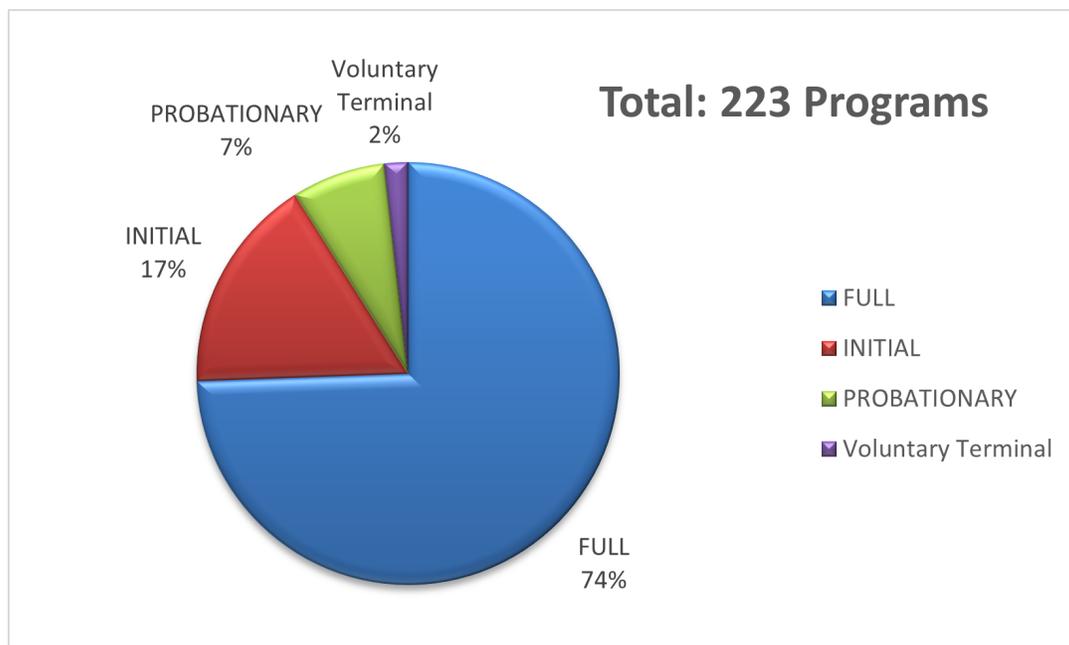
Continued Voluntary Terminal Accreditation

- Carrington College; Citrus Height, CA (expected closure April 2023)
- Medaille College; Rochester, NY (expected closure December 2023)

Placed on Voluntary Terminal Accreditation

- Broadview University; West Jordan, UT (expected closure September 2023)
- Stanbridge University; Irvine, CA (expected closure July 2023)

ACCREDITATION STATISTICS



There are currently 10 programs that have indicated an interest in seeking initial 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/education/center-for-veterinary-accreditation/programs-have-applied-avma-cvtea-accreditation>

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

CHANGES TO THE ACCREDITATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (P&P) of the CVTEA:

The January 2023 publication of the [Accreditation Policies and Procedures Manual of the AVMA CVTEA](#) is found online. A summary of the changes to this version is found at this link:

https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/CVTEA_PP_NOTICE_January_2023.pdf

No changes to the Standards of Accreditation or the Recommended and Essential Skills occurred in the January 2023 P&P.

Minimal changes were implemented to the following sections of the January 2023 publication (see Notice of Update-January 2023)

- Changes to Section VIII-Standard Operating Procedure for Accreditation of Programs Educating Veterinary Technicians; [Section H -Substantive Change Reporting](#)
- Changes to [Appendix A – Rabies Supplement-Comprehensive Mitigation Plan](#)-Item #3
- [Rabies Q&A](#)

CALL FOR COMMENTS ACCREDITATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES of the CVTEA:

The following *CVTEA Standards of Accreditation and Recommended and Essential Skill* are open for public comment until **March 30, 2023** at this [Survey Link](#).

- Standard 4 – Physical Facilities and Equipment, Section 4a only
- Standard 5 – Resources for Clinical Instruction, Sections 5a, 5b, 5e only
- Standard 7 – Admissions
- Standard 8 – Students
- Standard 10 – Curriculum, Section 10e only
- Appendix G Cyclical review of Restraint, Laboratory, and Radiographic Imaging Equipment
- Appendix H Cyclical review of Section 3 (Nursing)
- Appendix H Cyclical review of Section 6 (Laboratory Procedures)
- Appendix H Cyclical review of Section 9 (Avian, Exotic, Small Mammals)

Feedback is also sought on the new Appendix I – Accreditation Standards and Guidelines for Interpretation and Appendix B – Use of Animals in Veterinary Technology Teaching Programs, section on Guidance for CVTEA IACUC Assessment.

ANNUAL ACCREDITATION FEES

Invoices for the 2023 AVMA CVTEA Annual Accreditation Fee have been posted in the AVMA CVTEA Online Accreditation System by Armature <https://cvtea.avma.org/> under the DOCUMENTS tab. The fee for 2023 is \$1,745 (a reduction of \$115 from 2022). Payments are due no later than April 15, 2023, or programs may be subject to a \$500 penalty fee and Administrative Probation with a [penalty fee](#) up to double the annual accreditation fee.

WELCOME NEW CVTEA MEMBERS

CVTEA welcomes two new members to the CVTEA:

Dr. Ricci Karkula representing Clinical Veterinary Medicine, Large Animals fulfilling an un-expired term until 2025. Dr. Karkula earned her DVM from Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. In addition, she is certified in Large Animal Veterinary Medical Acupuncture from Colorado State University. Dr. Karkula is a former president of the Student AVMA and currently an Associate Veterinarian at an Equine Hospital in Navasota.

Dr. Mary Beth Angeline, EdD representing the public fulfilling an un-expired term until 2026. Dr. Angeline earned her EdD Educational Leadership, Higher Education Administration from West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV where she currently serves as the Math Program Coordinator and as a Project 168 Volunteer Coach. She is a former Assistant Professor at Pierpont Community and Technical College, Fairmont, WV.

WELCOME NEW CVTEA STAFF

Team CVTEA is pleased to announce two new staff members:



Dr. Elizabeth Thompson joined the AVMA January 3, 2023 as an Associate Director in the Education & Research Division. This new position will be responsible for working with the CVTEA, the AVMA-NAVTA Leadership Committee, and the newly formed veterinary technician advancement committee. Dr. Thompson received her DVM from the University of Tennessee and an EdD in Higher Education from Lincoln Memorial University. Prior to joining the AVMA, she was teaching faculty with the Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) Veterinary Technology Program starting in 2009, appointed Department Chair in 2013, and subsequently appointed Dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences in 2015. Dr. Thompson was one of the original faculty members of the LMU College of Veterinary Medicine founded in 2014. Prior to academia, Dr. Thompson practiced for six years as an emergency/critical care veterinarian, and later as an associate at a mixed animal practice. She also served on the Tennessee State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from 2016 – 2022 and on the CVTEA from 2017 until her hiring at the AVMA representing faculties of colleges of veterinary medicine.



Ms. Lynn Reece, RVT joined the AVMA November 10, 2022 as a part-time Assistant Director in the Education & Research Division. This new position will be responsible for assisting the CVTEA with accreditation site visits. Ms. Reece is a former CVTEA member representing non-program affiliated veterinary technicians from 2006 – 2015 and served as Chair of the CVTEA 2014-2015. Other AVMA entities of service include the Veterinary Technician Utilization Working Group and the Task Force on AVMA Model Practice Act. Prior to the AVMA and retirement from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine (UG-CVM), Ms. Reece was employed as

a Laboratory Manager for the Department of Small Animal Medicine at the UG-CVM. She is a past president of the Georgia Veterinary Technician and Assistant Association. Lynn earned her degree in veterinary technology from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

CVTEA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Are you interested in helping to shape the future of veterinary technology education?

CVTEA is looking for volunteers to fill six committee positions beginning in July 2023. Applications are due February 15, 2023, for candidates interested in these positions:

- Three committee members representing veterinary technicians
- Veterinarian representing clinical veterinary medicine, small animal
- Veterinarian representing faculties of colleges of veterinary medicine
- Veterinarian or veterinary technician representing veterinary medicine industry

Candidates selected for the positions representing veterinary technicians, small animal medicine, and college faculties will serve committee terms running 2023-2029. The position representing industry is an unexpired term, which runs through 2028. Veterinary technician applicants must be credentialed, and be a graduate of an AVMA CVTEA-accredited veterinary technology program.

[The application is found online.](https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2022-12/CVTEA_Job%20Description.pdf) A CVTEA job description is online at https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2022-12/CVTEA_Job%20Description.pdf

CVTEA members are selected by the CVTEA Selection Committee.

FUTURE CVTEA MEETINGS

- April 27, 2023

- June 15-18, 2023
- November 2-5, 2023

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- AVMA 2022 Annual Convention July 14 – July 18, 2023; Denver, CO
- AVTE Symposium, August 4 – 6, 2023; Rancho Mirage, CA

CVTEA ROSTER AND TERMS 2022-2023

Dr. Mary Beth Angeline, representing the public (2023 – 2026; filling unexpired term 2020-2026)

Dr. Jennifer Asher, representing laboratory animal medicine (2018-2024)

Ms. Mary Berg, BS, RVT, LATG, VTS (Dentistry), representing veterinary technicians (2017-2023)

Dr. Bruce Coston, representing the AVMA Council on Education (2022-2026)

Dr. Jocelyn Forseille, representing Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (2017 - 2023)

Ms. Kelly Foltz, LVT, VTS (ECC), representing veterinary technicians (2017-2023), Chair

Ms. Tricia Gorham, CVT, BS, MA, representing veterinary technicians-program affiliated (2020-2026)

Dr. Tonya Hardy, representing veterinary state boards (2021-2027) Ms. Mika Hobbs, RVT, representing veterinary technicians—non-program affiliated (2021-2027)

Dr. Ricci Karkula, representing clinical veterinary medicine, large animal

(2022-2025; filling unexpired term 2019-2025)

Ms. Sharon Lentz, CVT, representing veterinary technicians (2022-2028)

Dr. Sandra Morales Foster, LVT, MSEM, DrPH, representing veterinary technicians (2017-2023)

Dr. Lori Renda-Francis, LVT, PhD, representing veterinary technicians-program affiliated (2019-2025)

Ms. Michelle Smith, representing the public (2021-2027)

Dr. Susan Wedam, representing At-Large (2020-2024; filling unexpired term 2018-2024)

Dr. Jennifer Wells, representing veterinary technician educators (2022-2028)

Dr. Brent Wooden, representing Veterinarian At-Large (2019-2025)

Vacancy, representing private small animal practice (2020-2026)

Vacancy, representing faculties of colleges of veterinary medicine (2017-2023)

Vacancy, representing veterinary medicine industry (2022-2028)

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