



November 20, 2022

Tricia Gorham, MA, CVT
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12746 Ulmerton Road
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Dear Ms. Gorham:

This letter serves to confirm that the next American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) accreditation site visit has been rescheduled from 2023 to 2024. AVMA staff will be contact with you in the upcoming weeks to determine specific dates. Accreditation remains in effect, provided the program continues to meet the Standards of Accreditation. If there are any changes that impact critical or major deficiencies that the CVTEA previously determined do not require continued reporting, the program must report this change.

The AVMA CVTEA is charged with the responsibility of providing and monitoring AVMA accreditation of programs in veterinary technology.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at jhorvath@avma.org.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Julie Horvath', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely'.

Julie Horvath
CVTEA Accreditation Manager

AVMA Center for Veterinary Medical Education and Accreditation



November 12, 2021

Ms. Tricia Gorham, CVT
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Veterinary Nursing Program
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Dear Ms. Gorham:

Following review of the biennial report for the St. Petersburg College veterinary nursing program, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) continued the program on Full accreditation.

After consideration of the documentation provided, the Committee has determined that continued reporting is required on the following deficiencies (see chart(s) below):

Critical deficiency(ies): None at this time

Major deficiency(ies): None at this time

For your information, it appears that the reporting information related to the Veterinary Technician National Examination currently posted on the Program's webpage does not indicate the correct three-year reporting period (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021) as outlined in the *Policies and Procedures of the AVMA CVTEA*, Standard 11c and in Section VIII, [Reporting to the Community](#). The Program must provide the Committee with a corrected link to reporting information no later than **December 13, 2021**.

The next accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2023. AVMA staff will contact you early next year to schedule site visit dates. If there are any changes that impact critical or major deficiencies that the CVTEA previously determined do not require continued reporting, the program must report this change.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of assistance in the preparation of your next report, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Julie Horvath (jhorvath@avma.org).

Sincerely,

Tracy Blais, BS, CVT, MEd
Ms. Tracy Blais, BS, CVT, MEd, CVTEA Chair

AVMA Center for Veterinary Medical Accreditation

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<p>CRITICAL DEFICIENCY (IES) Critical deficiencies apply to situations that clearly result in a program's inability to meet a Standard, and/or subject students, faculty, or others to unacceptable levels of risk. Documentation of significant progress toward compliance with each critical deficiency must be achieved by the time of the program's next report to CVTEA. Lack of compliance may be considered cause for reduction of the program's accreditation status.</p> <p>It is critical that:</p>		<p>Is the Deficiency met with no further reporting required or unmet with continued reporting required? (comments); date</p>
1.	Rabies prevention procedures be enhanced to minimize exposure or risk of students while handling random source animals for teaching or training exercises. (4e)	Met; 4/2018
2.	IACUC-approved animal care and use protocols be in place for all animal activities. (5a)	Met; 11/2019

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<p>MAJOR DEFICIENCY (IES) Major deficiencies apply to situations that jeopardize the ability of the program to meet a Standard. Progress toward meeting each major deficiency must be demonstrated on an annual or biennial basis. Documentation of steps taken toward compliance with major deficiencies is required. Lack of compliance within the assigned five- or six-year period, prior to the next scheduled complete evaluation, may be considered cause for reduction of the program's accreditation status.</p> <p>It is required that:</p>		<p>Is the Deficiency met with no further reporting required or unmet with continued reporting required? (comments); date</p>
1.	IACUC-approved animal care and use protocols contain all information required by AWA guidelines. Areas to address include, but are not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Comprehensive descriptions of procedures to be performed b. Names of personnel approved to oversee animal procedures c. Medications and dosages approved for use. (5a) 	Met; 11/2019
2.	Distance learning students and clinical sites follow IACUC-approved animal care and use protocols for primary learning activities involving animals, excluding procedures that are deemed medically necessary. (5a)	Met; 11/2019
3.	Evidence exist that clients at off-campus clinical sites used for primary instruction are informed that student instruction may be a component of patient care. (5f)	Met; 4/2018
4.	Medical records be comprehensive and consistent with contemporary veterinary practice standards. (5d)	Met; 11/2019