



June 27, 2024

Tricia Gorham, CVT
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Dear Ms. Gorham:

At its June 13 – 15, 2024 meeting, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) **granted continued full accreditation** to the St. Petersburg College veterinary nursing program after deliberation of the report of evaluation from the January 24 – 25, 2024 site visit and post site visit response.

A final copy of the report of evaluation is included and available in the CVTEA Accreditation Portal by Armature (Armature). Included below is a summary of critical and major deficiencies with details regarding future reporting requirements. 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): 1 (noted below)

Major deficiency(ies): 1 (noted below)

The next report will be due Fall 2025 (September 15, 2025). A reminder will be sent out approximately 2 months prior to the due dates. The next full accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2030.

Per the *Policies and Procedures of the AVMA CVTEA*, documentation of progress toward compliance with critical and major deficiencies must be included in the program's report to CVTEA. Insufficient progress toward meeting deficiencies may be considered cause for change in the program's accreditation status.

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.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, thank you for the courtesy and hospitality shown during the site visit. If you have any questions, or if staff may be of assistance in the preparation of your next report, please do not hesitate to contact staff (Julie Horvath; jhorvath@avma.org).

Sincerely,

Brent Wooden, DVM, CVTEA Chair
AVMA Center for Veterinary Medical Accreditation

CC: Dr. Tonjua Williams, President (Williams.Tonjua@spcollege.edu)

St. Petersburg College ROE 2024**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 a change in the program's accreditation status.

#	Critical Deficiency Description <i>It is critical that:</i>	Deficiency status (Met, Unmet with continued reporting)
1.	Construction of new facilities be completed on time as planned and include sufficient classroom, laboratory, and storage space to meet Program needs. (4a, 4b)	Unmet; provide video evidence of completion of program facilities
2.	All clinical sites used in Program instruction emulate contemporary veterinary facilities by removing extraneous items from the surgical suite. (4b)	Met; 06/2024
3.	All clinical sites used in Program instruction be compliant with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations with respect to secondary labeling of repackaged materials and secure oxygen tank storage. (4e)	Met; 06/2024

St. Petersburg College ROE 2024**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 a change in the program's accreditation status.

#	Major Deficiency Description <i>It is required that:</i>	Deficiency status (Met, Unmet with continued reporting)
1.	Compensation and incentives be sufficient to retain and attract Program personnel.	Unmet; report on the results from contract negotiations once completed