

## THE COMMITTEE ON VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) met on November 3-6, 2022, at the AVMA Headquarters and virtually on April 27, 2023. The meetings were chaired by Kelly Foltz BA, LVT, VTS (ECC) and Dr. Elizabeth Thompson served as vice chair.

### **Accreditation of Veterinary Technology Programs**

Within the above meeting timeframe, the CVTEA reviewed and granted re-accreditation to 21 veterinary technology programs and granted initial accreditation to six new veterinary technology programs. No programs had accreditation withdrawn during this timeframe. In addition, the CVTEA reviewed a total of 74 progress reports. There are a total of five veterinary technology programs undergoing the initial accreditation application process.

### **CVTEA Accreditation Site Visits**

The CVTEA completed a total of 46 site visits in 2022. Site visits were completed both in-person and virtually.

The CVTEA allows a maximum of 50 site visits annually, and each site visit is approximately 2-2.5 days in length. Each site team is composed of a total of four members including the site team chair who is a member of the CVTEA, a state veterinarian, a state veterinary technician, and a public representative. An AVMA staff member attends each site visit as well.

### **CVTEA Accreditation Statistics**

Currently, there are 223 AVMA CVTEA-accredited veterinary technology programs which are classified as follows: 166 at Full Accreditation, 37 at Initial Accreditation, 16 on Probationary Accreditation, and four on Voluntary Terminal Accreditation.

The list of accredited veterinary technology programs is available on the AVMA website, <https://www.avma.org/education/accreditation/programs/veterinary-technology-programs-accredited-avma-cvtea>

The census for 2021-2022/2022-2023 veterinary technology students and graduates will take place January 2024. For the 2020-2021 academic year, there were approximately 5,284 graduates. Of this amount, 4,813 graduated with an Associate's degree and 471 graduated with a Bachelor's degree. There are approximately 31,257 enrolled veterinary technology/nursing students. Of this amount, approximately 2,527 are enrolled in Bachelor's degree programs. There are 28 programs that offer a Bachelor's degree.

### **Accreditation Standards**

The CVTEA cyclically reviews its Standards of Accreditation, Essential Skills, and Equipment and Resources List every three to five years. *The Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities* manual is typically updated twice each year in January and July/August.

The *Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities* manual is available on the AVMA website:

<https://www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Accreditation/Programs/Pages/cvtea-pp.aspx>

**Veterinary Technician Activities**

At its April 2023 meeting, the AVMA Board of Directors approved a new entity, Committee on Advancing Veterinary Technicians and Technologists (CAVTT). The CAVTT's charge is to advise the AVMA BOD of matters of importance to the veterinary technology profession, including, but not limited to, advancing the veterinary technology profession and utilization. The CAVTT will work cooperatively with the CVTEA. The CVTEA charge will be re-dedicated to accreditation related responsibilities.