



May 5, 2021

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Dear Dr. Noreen:

Congratulations! At its April 22 -24, 2021 meeting, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) continued the Truckee Meadows Community College veterinary nursing program on Full accreditation after deliberation of the report of evaluation from the February 3-4, 2021 virtual site visit. At this time, the Committee determined a follow up in-person site visit is not required. Accreditation remains in effect until your next site visit, contingent upon favorable review of requested reports.

A final copy of the report of evaluation is included and a copy will be sent to college administration as indicated in the near future. Included is a summary of critical and major deficiencies with details regarding future reporting requirements.

The Committee considered the post site visit response to the critical and major deficiencies in its accreditation decision. 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 biennial report will be due Spring 2023; however, the committee is requesting an interim report due spring 2022 (February 24, 2022). A reminder will be sent approximately 2 months prior to the due date. The next full accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2027.

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 a 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.

Congratulations on maintaining full accreditation. 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,



Dr. Kelly Black, CVTEA Chair

AVMA Center for Veterinary Medical Accreditation

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cc: Dr. Karin Hilgersom, President

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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.		Is the Deficiency met with no further reporting required or unmet with continued reporting required? (comments); date
It is critical that:		
1.	Documentation be provided that the advisory committee has representation and participation from multiple veterinarians to provide sufficient professional diversity in advising the Program. (3e)	Unmet; submit copies of meeting minutes with attendees and representation category recorded; include any updates to the membership list.
2.	Controlled substance storage be more secure and compliant with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulations. (4e, 4f)	Met; 4/2021
3.	Evidence exist that the institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) is submitting semiannual reporting to the Institutional Official. (5a)	Met; 4/2021
4.	Students complete all required skills on live animals. (10b, 10e)	Met; 4/2021

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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.		Is the Deficiency met with no further reporting required or unmet with continued reporting required? (comments); date
It is required that:		
1.	Knowledge of library use and development of information retrieval skills be better emphasized in the curriculum of the Program. (6b)	Unmet; continued reporting required.