

Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the  
Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)

Animal Health Technologist/Veterinary Technician Program  
Excerpts from the Self-Study Questionnaire  
Revised February 24, 2017

From History Introduction

Challenges

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17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Deficiencies:

Expired medications, suture material, crash kit drugs, diagnostic materials and biologics be removed from the clinical training area in a timely manner.  
Expired controlled drugs be appropriately dispos

*RECOMMENDATION(S)*

Recommendations are suggestions for program improvement, but have no bearing on the program's accreditation classification.

It is suggested that:

1. The College look for ways to supplement the faculty continuing education support from \$600 per year up to industry standards.
2. Accessible and adequate storage space be made available to the program.
3. The college consider increasing the administrative assistance available to the coordinator, particularly for extra responsibilities such as program accreditations.
4. The program have a Hospital Manager whose duties include finding, supporting and



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November 2017

Done. All listed Occupational Health & Safety regulations and safety concerns/requirements were met within one week of October 2017 CVMA Site Visit.

December 2018

Ongoing. Numbers of animals available for on-site labs is generally stable. However in Fall 2018, there was actually a small surplus of animals available for the dentistry/anesthesia live animal labs. Numbers at off-site facilities, although variable, have been increasing.

A substantial donation of funds in 2019 will fund the purchase of animal models. This will allow us to more fully comply with the CCAC 3Rs, and affords increased opportunities to practice technical skills before students perform these essential skills on live animals. This prevents overuse of animals, while adhering to standards of humane care.

December 2018

Ongoing. Establishment, revision and maintenance of MOU's with exit strategies is being undertaken with the assistance of the Dean of Science & Technology, and the Safety, Security and Risk Management Team.

December 2018

Ongoing. Part-time and auxiliary RVTs are either available to assist with animal acquisition or provide temporary relief to the primary RVT responsible for this. Sufficiency of time provided is being discussed with the Dean of Science & Technology.

December 2018

Ongoing. Student Competency Booklets, rubrics to evaluate essential skills, and essential skills trackers to ensure all students and essential skills are accounted for, are continuously being developed or revised. In particular, coverage of large animal essential skills was reviewed in the Fall of 2018, and large animals labs were revised to include more skills and evaluations.







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