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Dear Dr. Mathews:

Following review of the annual report for the Southern Regional Technical College veterinary technology program, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) continued the program on initial accreditation.

The next accreditation site visit is scheduled for October 15-17, 2018. A self-study report is due on or before September 3, 2018. 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

Please email Julie Horvath (jhorvath@avma.org) for the most recent self-study report template when ready to prepare your report. 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.

For your information, it appears that the reporting information related to the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) currently posted on the Program's webpage is incomplete (2013-2015) and does not include the required three years (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016) as outlined in the CVTEA Policies and Procedures Manual, Standard 11c and Section VI, Reporting to the Community

<https://www.avma.org/professionaldevelopment/education/accreditation/programs/pages/cvtea-process.aspx>.

The Program is asked to submit the link to corrected reporting information no later than May 25, 2017. Lack of compliance with CVTEA accreditation standards may result in an adverse accreditation status for a program.

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 us or Ms. Julie Horvath (jhorvath@avma.org; ext. 6624).

Sincerely,

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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>		Is the Deficiency met with no further reporting required or unmet with continued reporting required? (comments); date
1.	The Program acquire or have access to all required equipment. (4b)	Met; 4/2013; post site visit response
2.	Repackaged animal food containers identify contents and display lot numbers. (4d, 4e)	Met; 4/2013; post site visit response
3.	The Program be compliant with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other safety considerations with respect to secondary labeling of repackaged materials, an overfilled sharps container, availability of safety signage and hearing protection in the dog kennel, security of the outdoor canine exercise pen, and surfaces that are not impervious and cannot be sanitized. (4e)	Met; 4/2013; post site visit response
4.	Controlled substance inventories and handling be compliant with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations with respect to compounding practices. (4f)	Met; 4/2013; post site visit response
5.	The Program be compliant with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations with respect to institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) approval of all animal use protocols and storage of litter and bedding in the cat ward. (5a)	Met; 4/2013; post site visit response
6.	Medical records emulate contemporary veterinary practice standards. (5d)	Met; 4/2013; post site visit response
7.	Students complete the curriculum. (10a)	Met; 11/2013; Interim
8.	Evidence exist that all required skills have been performed by all students and have been evaluated by Program personnel using standardized criteria. (10e)	Met; 11/2013; Interim
9.	Outcomes be assessed using performance of graduates on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE), Program-specific surveys of graduates and their employers, feedback from the advisory committee, and an analysis of the results of those assessments be used for continued Program improvement. (11a, 11b)	Met; 04/2017

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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>		Is the Deficiency met with no further reporting required or unmet with continued reporting required? (comments); date
1.	Increasing number of Program students be accompanied by an appropriate increase in fiscal, human, and clinical resources available to the Program. (2, 4a,5b, 9a)	Met; 05/2014; Annual
2.	Radiographs be stored vertically and a filing system be instituted to emulate contemporary veterinary practices. (4b)	Met; 4/2013; post site visit response