



May 15, 2023

Dr. Kimberly Focht
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Dear Dr. Focht:

Congratulations! At its April 27, 2023 meeting, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) **granted continued full accreditation** to the Mesa Community College veterinary technology program after deliberation of the report of evaluation from the December 7 – 8, 2022 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, 2, 3 (noted below)

Major deficiency(ies): 1 (noted below)

The next report will be due Spring 2024 (April 15, 2024). A reminder will be sent out approximately 2 months prior to the due dates. The next full accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2028.

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.

Congratulations on maintaining accreditation. On behalf of the evaluation committee, thank you for the courtesy and hospitality shown during the virtual 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,

Ms. Kelly Foltz, BA, LVT, VTS (ECC), CVTEA Chair
AVMA Center for Veterinary Medical Accreditation

CC: Dr. Tammy Robinson, President (tammy.robinson@mesacc.edu)

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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 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.	Personal safety of students be addressed when entering and departing from the veterinary technology lab at the off-campus location. (4e)	Unmet; Continue to report status of funding requested to relocate the VTC to the main campus. Report on campus safety department's increased patrols to the VTC (e.g. increased from what number to what number during student occupancy.)
2.	Documentation be provided that the comprehensive rabies mitigation protocol appropriately addresses the handling of unvaccinated animals by unvaccinated students as related to 45-day animal holding period and communication to external parties. (4e)	Unmet; submit a copy of an updated mitigation plan to address clarity regarding a 45-day observation period as it must only apply to exposed animals who are currently vaccinated. In addition, submit a copy of updated MOUs to show that rabies notification indicating that either students or animals that students work with are rabies immunized. Additionally, the timelines for observation periods of unknown vaccination status animals must be identified.
3.	Sharp metal surfaces on dog run gates and metal grates be eliminated in the kennel at the veterinary technology laboratory. (4e, 5a)	Unmet; provide an update to address the sharp metal surfaces in the dog kennel areas.

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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 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.	Program facilities be updated to provide clinical space more suitable to Program needs and to emulate a contemporary veterinary environment. (4a,4b,4h)	Unmet; report on funding and the acquisition and completion of the on campus Veterinary Teaching Laboratory building.