

May 4, 2019

Ms. Eileen McKee, CVT, MS Joliet Junior College Veterinary Technology Program 1215 Houbolt Rd Joliet, IL 60431

Dear Ms. McKee:

Congratulations! At its April 25 - 28, 2019 meeting, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) continued the Joliet Junior College veterinary technology on full accreditation after deliberation of the report of evaluation from the September 19-21, 2018 site visit. 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): 4
Major deficiency(ies): 1,2,3,4

The next biennial report will be fall 2020 (September 10, 2020) to address the above unmet deficiencies. A reminder will be sent approximately 2 months prior to the due date.

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. The next full accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2024.

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 we may be of assistance in the preparation of your next report, please do not hesitate to contact us at 800-248-2862 or Ms. Julie Horvath (jhorvath@avma.org; ext. 6624).

Sincerely,

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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?
It is o	critical that:	(comments); date
1.	An Ambu resuscitation bag and endotracheal tubes be added to the emergency crash kit. (4b)	Met; 4/2019
2.	The Program be compliant with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other safety considerations with respect to elimination of food, drink, and personal items in laboratories and the controlled drug cabinet in the surgery room. (4e)	Met; 4/2019
3.	Open medications be properly stored and labeled with date opened and date to be discarded. (4f)	Met; 4/2019
4.	The Program director have sufficient time for instructional duties and for development and improvement of the Program. (9d)	Unmet; Provide an update on efforts to address the director's workload

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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.  It is required that:		Is the Deficiency met with no further reporting required or unmet with continued reporting required? (comments); date
1.	Program facilities be reconfigured to eliminate the surgical scrub sink located within the surgery room to more appropriately emulate a contemporary veterinary surgical facility. (4b)	Unmet; continued reporting required
2.	Cats be housed in a separate area from dogs to minimize stress and emulate contemporary veterinary practice standards. (4b)	Unmet; continued reporting required
3.	Written memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with critical providers of off-campus instructional support include signatures and identification of organizational representatives with dating. (5e)	Unmet; provide copies of current signed document that addresses concerns outlined in the report of evaluation
4.	An appropriate program personnel-to-student ratio be maintained to ensure student safety and adequate delivery of instruction. Program personnel to student ratios shall not exceed 1:8 for laboratory courses with animals present. (Compliance with indicated ratio is required by September 1, 2020) (8a)	Unmet; future reporting will be requested