



June 29, 2023

Dr. Karla Lombana
Pima Community College
Veterinary Technology Program
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Dear Dr. Lombana:

Following review of the progress report for the Pima Community College veterinary technology program, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) continued the program on Full accreditation.

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

The next report is due spring 2024 (April 15, 2024). A reminder will be sent approximately 2 months prior to the due date. Although no deficiencies require further reporting, the program must complete the other sections of the report. However, all programs are required to submit a progress report due Fall 2023 (September 15, 2023) to address rabies policy and mitigation processes through a reporting instrument in the Armature software management system. Absence of documented compliance by the September 1, 2023, deadline may lead to a change in accreditation status. The next accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2025.

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.

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 staff (jhorvath@avma.org).

Sincerely,

Ms. Kelly Foltz, BA, LVT, VTS (ECC), CVTEA Chair

AVMA Center for Veterinary Medical Accreditation

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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 critical that:		(comments); date
1.	The Program have an appropriately functioning institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) and IACUC-approved protocols be in place for all animals. (5a)	Met; 11/2021
2.	Evidence exist that all required skills have been performed by all students and have been evaluated by Program personnel using standardized criteria. (10e)	Met; 4/2020
3.	Program graduates and their employers be surveyed on a regular basis, and an analysis of the survey results be used for Program improvement. (11a)	Met; 4/2020

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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?
It is required that:		(comments); date
1.	IACUC approved animal care and use protocols contain all information required by AWA guidelines Areas to address include, but are not limited to: a) Rationale for animal use b) Numbers of animals used c) Search for alternatives (5a)	Met; 12/2021
2.	Program personnel to student ratios not exceed 1:12 for laboratory courses without animals present and 1:8 for laboratory courses with animals present. (8a) *Compliance with indicated ratios is required by September 1, 2020.	Met; 4/2020