

Veterinary Technician Work Experience Verification

Applicant Name: _____

The applicant listed above is applying for an experienced-based credential to qualify for veterinary technician registration in the state of Colorado. For an applicant to be eligible to apply for credentialing, a supervising licensed veterinarian is required to verify competency of the applicant's utilization of knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology as it applies to the sections listed below. Please check the boxes to attest to basic job-related knowledge and skills in the following categories. If you cannot attest to a specific task, do not check the box and strikethrough the complete line in black.

Pharmacy and Pharmacology

- Understands controlled substance regulations.
- Calculate fluid therapy rate.
- Calculate, prepare, and dispense medications based on the appropriate dosage in compliance with veterinarian's orders.
- Recognize classifications of drugs, their mechanisms, and clinically relevant side effects.
- Store, handle, and safely dispose of pharmacological and biological agents.

Surgical Nursing

- Prepare the patient, surgical environment, equipment, instruments, and supplies to meet the needs of the surgical team and procedure.
- Function as a sterile surgical technician and a circulating (non-sterile) surgical technician to ensure patient safety and procedural efficiency.
- Maintain aseptic conditions in surgical suite and during surgical procedures.

Dentistry

- Perform routine dental prophylaxis (e.g., manual and machine cleaning, polishing).
- Perform oral examination and documentation.
- Produce diagnostic dental images and/or radiographs.

Laboratory Procedures

- Collect, prepare, and maintain specimens and documentation for in-house or outside laboratory evaluation.
- Perform laboratory tests and procedures (including but not limited to microbiology, serology, cytology, hematology, urinalysis, and parasitology).



Animal Care and Nursing

- Knowledge of normal vital signs and the ability to auscultate heart and lungs with a stethoscope
- Perform patient nursing procedures (including but not limited to restraint, catheterization, wound management, and bandaging) in the implementation of prescribed treatments.
- Perform clinical diagnostic procedures (including but not limited to blood pressure measurement, electrocardiography, and oximetry) to aid in diagnosis and prognosis.
- Provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment for patients to ensure optimal healthcare and client/personnel safety.
- Understanding of infectious disease control and isolation protocols.
- Safely and effectively administer prescribed drugs to patients via the appropriate routes (e.g., oral, topical, intravenous, subcutaneous).
- Adherence to appropriate disposal protocols of hazardous materials.
- Maintain therapeutic treatments (including but not limited to catheters, wound management, and bandages).
- Manage hospitalized patients (e.g., appetite, TPR, nutritional needs, medication, mentation).
- Recognize behavioral characteristics of patients.

Communication

- Ability to obtain a thorough patient history (e.g., signalment, medical history, primary complaint).
- Educate clients and the public about animal care (including but not limited to behavior, nutrition, pre- and post-operative care, preventative care, zoonosis) to promote and maintain the health of animals and the safety of clients/public.
- Educate the client regarding dental health, including prophylactic and post-treatment care.
- Educate the client regarding pharmacological and biological agents administered or dispensed to ensure the safety of the patient/client and efficacy of the products.
- Educate the client about anesthetics and anesthesia to ensure the safety of the patient/client and efficacy of the product(s) or procedure(s).
- Maintain accurate patient medical records using proper medical terminology and abbreviations



Diagnostic Imaging

- Produce diagnostic images and/or radiographs (excluding dental) following protocols for quality and operator/patient safety.

Anesthesia

- Assist in the development of the anesthetic plan to ensure patient safety and procedural efficacy.
- Implement the anesthetic plan (including but not limited to administration of medication and monitoring) to facilitate diagnostic, therapeutic, or surgical procedures.
- Prepare and maintain anesthetic equipment and related materials to ensure reliable and safe operation.
- Maintain a patent airway using endotracheal intubation.
- Monitor patients during all stages of anesthesia (pre-, peri-, and post-).
- Respond appropriately to changes in patient status during all stages of anesthesia.

Emergency Medicine/Critical Care

- Recognize a patient presenting with emergency/critical conditions (including but not limited to shock, acute illness, acute trauma, and toxicity).
- Perform emergency nursing procedures (including but not limited to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), control acute blood loss, and fracture stabilization) in the implementation of prescribed treatments.
- Perform critical care nursing procedures (including but not limited to blood component therapy, fluid resuscitation, and ongoing oxygen therapy) in the implementation of prescribed treatments.

Pain Management/Analgesia

- Assess need for analgesia in patient.
- Assist in the development and implementation of the pain management plan to optimize patient comfort and/or healing.

A separate *Work Experience Verification form* is required for each supervising veterinarian when there is more than one location where experience was obtained. At least one supervising veterinarian must be licensed in Colorado. Please see page 5 of this form for more information.



Supervising Veterinarian Name: _____

State/License number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Hospital/Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

Hours completed under your supervision, equivalent to the work performed by a veterinary technician **in the last 7 years**: _____

Date range of hours recorded above: _____

I certify that the hours completed by the applicant are accurate and attest the applicant has the basic job-related knowledge and skills listed above.

Signature of licensed veterinarian (must sign in front of a notary)

State of _____

County of _____

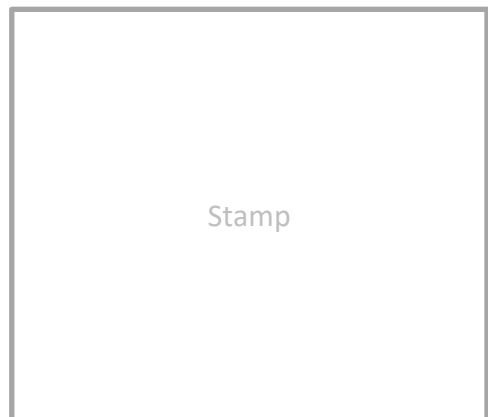
Signed and affirmed before me on _____, 20____

by _____ (name of individual making statement).

(Notary's official signature)

(Title of office)

(Commission Expiration)



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Work Experience Verification Form Instructions for Veterinarians

Key Information:

- This form is to be completed by a supervising licensed veterinarian. The candidate is completing the form to be eligible for an experienced-based credential to qualify for veterinary technician registration in the state of Colorado
- More than one form may be submitted, but at least one supervising DVM must be licensed in Colorado.
- Skills and knowledge on this list are based on the [AAVSB's 2017 Job Task Analysis for Veterinary Technicians](#) and AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education & Activities' [Essential Skills List](#) for graduates of an accredited veterinary technology program, as well as alternate-track credentialing requirements of other states. Please review the [Essentials Skills List](#) for expected minimum competency. Hyperlinks are provided in this document (<https://www.cacvt.org/WEVF>)
- For more detailed information, please see our website- <https://www.cacvt.org/start-here-registration>

Step 1: Form introduction

- When determining **competency**, please consider the guidance provided in [Colorado's Veterinary Practice Act and Rules & Regulations](#), such as the definitions of supervision.
 - Veterinarians' professional judgment is sufficient when attesting to basic job-related skills.
 - Knowledge and skills should be equivalent to that of a new graduate of a veterinary technology program.

Step 2: Skills verification

- **All** skills must be completed for the candidate to prove competency in performing duties in the role of a veterinary technician.
- The form does not specify species as it is meant to be inclusive of the different settings in which a veterinary technician may be working.
- Candidates may need to obtain experience at a different facility if unable to obtain minimum competence at a single practice.
- Any skills not marked off by the completing veterinarian should be struck through completely with ink.

Step 3: Supervising Veterinarian Information

- Please provide information on *current* hospital/facility. This information will be utilized to contact the supervising veterinarian only if there are questions regarding the form.
 - This does NOT need to be the same facility where the supervision occurred.
- Work experience hours do not need to be consecutive but do need to be worked in the previous 7 years from the date the form is submitted (with application).
 - Proof of hours does not need to be submitted unless requested.
 - All hours do not need to be under the supervision of a single veterinarian, but a single veterinarian may, if comfortable, attest to all hours after reviewing paystubs, resumes, performing reference checks, or verifying with a Human Resources department.

Step 4: Notarization

- The form must be signed in the presence of a notary.

Step 5: Return form to candidate

- Please keep a copy of the notarized form for your records.
- Form will be uploaded as part of the credential application.

Questions? Contact CACVT at regulation@cacvt.org