The AEVNT

Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians



[Mission Statement]

To advance the education and professional recognition of credentialed equine veterinary technicians who display excellence in, and dedication to, providing superior nursing care to the equine patient.

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Application: All candidates must complete:
Credential Requirements dictate that each applicant, before he or she is declared eligible for examination, must:

1. Provide a complete CV
2. Be a graduate of an AVMA accredited Veterinary Technician program and/or credentialed to practice as a Veterinary Technician in a State or Province of the United States and/or Canada.
3. The candidate must be an active member of the American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians and it is strongly encouraged that the candidate be a member of the NAVTA.
4. Continued Education and Experience requirements as specified:
    i. Three years and / or a minimum of 5,000 hrs. work experience or its equivalent in the field of equine technology, clinical or nursing based, with not less than 75% of their experience (a minimum of 4000 hrs.) being dedicated to the specialty of equine veterinary nursing. All experience must be completed within the three years prior to the application.
    ii. A minimum of fifty (50) continuing education (CE) hours related to equine veterinary technology or nursing.
    iii. The continuing education must be completed within the last three years immediately prior to submitting the application. At least 10 hours of the CE must be completed within the year of application. Proof of attendance must be submitted.
5. Provide the documentary evidence of advanced competence in equine veterinary nursing
    i. Completion of the Equine Veterinary Nursing Skills Form.
    ii. Completion of a case record log maintained for one (1) year immediately preceding the submission of the application.
    iii. A minimum of fifty (50) cases and not more than seventy-five (75) cases must be recorded and submitted. A minimum of fifty (50) acceptable cases is required for application approval.
    iv. Submission of five (5) detailed case reports selected from the case record log. Equine cases to encompass two or more different areas of equine veterinary nursing (i.e. foal ICU, radiology, theriogenology, anesthesia).
6. Two (2) letters of recommendations written by members from the following categories: a VTS-EVN, a veterinarian who is an AAEP member, or a veterinary Diplomat, who is employed in equine practice.
7. Deadline for submission of application shall be May 1st of the year the examination is being given. Updated dates regarding the current year's application will be posted under the ACADEMY tab of the AAEVT website (www.aaevt.org).

Examinations

- Candidates approved by the Credentials Approval Committee and the Regents, upon receipt of the prescribed examination fee by the stated due date, will be advised of the exam format no less than three (3) months prior to examination. The examination will be administered in conjunction with the annual AAEP/AAEVT conference and results will be available on the day of the examination. Those who pass the exam will be inducted at the annual AAEVT membership meeting luncheon.
- The examination committee may include written, oral, and practical items;
- Topics to be covered on the examination are those that are crucial to equine veterinary nursing.
- A minimum passing score as established by the Examination Committee and approved by the Regents must be achieved to obtain Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technician (VTS- EVN) status.

Re-certification: Re-certification will occur every three years and be based on accumulation of 50 re-certification units.

Dues and Fees: There will be an application fee and an examination fee. There will also be yearly Academy membership fees, as well as a recertification fee every 3 years.

Process: There will be identified continuing education programs or referral practices affiliated with the AAEP which will be appropriate facilities and programs to assist with advanced training leading to specialty credentialing for veterinary technician candidates.

AEVNT VTS-EVN areas of expertise: including but not limited to:

- ¥ Be able to demonstrate a comprehensive working knowledge of equine veterinary nursing care from the newborn foal to the aged
- ¥ Be able to correctly understand, communicate, train and mentor others, and utilize the knowledge required in the performance of all tasks and duties as an equine veterinary nursing technician in the areas of:
  - Client, Trainer, RDVM, Owner communication
  - Horse Management
  - Equine Terminology
  - Equine Nutrition
  - Anatomy and Physiology as related to equine species
  - Reproduction and Genetics
  - Wellness and preventive care
  - Foal Care
  - Pharmacology
  - Laboratory Diagnosis
  - Anesthesia
  - Surgical Assistance
  - Nursing Care/ Fluid Therapy
  - Diagnostic Procedures
  - Equine Medical Emergencies
  - Office Procedures/ Basic Hospital practice – Equine
  - Safety management and Bio-Security – as relates to the horse

Objectives of the AEVNT:

a. Promote advancement and a standard of excellence of nursing practice for those credentialed veterinary technicians involved in equine veterinary nursing.
b. Establish advanced levels of education and experience prerequisites leading to certification in the veterinary technician specialty of equine veterinary nursing.
c. Examine, certify and recognize equine veterinary technicians as specialized team members in equine nursing. Designation will be: VTS- EVN
d. Provide mentorship, instruction, scientific and practice management presentations, resources and other contributions to knowledge relating to equine nursing.
e. Educate the equine veterinary technician, veterinary technology students, the equine veterinary profession and industry on the value of advanced education and specialty credentialing of the equine veterinary nursing technician and the employment of these individuals.
f. Educate the public on the benefit of the equine veterinary nursing technician profession; not only to the horse, but also to the industry we serve.
g. Provide resources and leadership to the equine veterinary technician profession.
h. Promote and maintain the professional relationship between the AAEP, the AAEVT and other Academy specialties.
i. Promote continuing education and dissemination of knowledge relating to equine veterinary nursing.

[History of the AEVNT]

In December of 2008, the AAEVT sent out an inquiry as to those members interested in organizing an Academy for Equine Veterinary Technicians, through this inquiry and a review of qualified applicants, the AEVNT organizing committee was formed. The Organizing Committee researched and drafted a proposal, which was presented to the NAVTA CVTS for consideration and was accepted by the NAVTA Board at the annual AVMA meeting. Three of the original organizing committee members attended the meeting and the announcement was made that the AEVNT proposal was accepted.

The Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians exists to promote excellence in the discipline of equine veterinary nursing. The Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians will provide a process by which credentialed veterinary technicians may become certified as a Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) in the field of equine veterinary nursing (EVN). The equine veterinary nursing technician who becomes certified as a VTS - EVN will demonstrate superior knowledge in scientific, humane, medicine-based techniques in equine nursing.

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The members of the Academy shall be known as "Veterinary Technician Specialist- Equine Veterinary Nursing" (VTS-EVN)

*For information about the academy or how to apply, please select the ACADEMY tab on the AAEVT website (**www.aaevt.org**) or please feel free to e mail Jessie Loberg at **Lobergj@hotmail.com***