



PRESS RELEASE: VVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant Program Added to Vermont's Industry-Recognized Credential List

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New Industry-Recognized Credential Strengthens Pathway to Veterinary Careers in Vermont

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The Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) is pleased to announce that its Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA) Program has been added to Vermont's official list of Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRCs), effective June 2026.

Industry-Recognized Credentials are certifications that verify an individual's knowledge and skills in a specific career field and are recognized by employers as evidence of workforce readiness and professional competency. The Vermont Agency of Education maintains a list of approved IRCs to help students, educators, and employers identify credentials that align with industry standards and career pathways.

The addition of the VVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant credential to this list represents an important milestone for veterinary workforce development in Vermont and recognizes the program's value in preparing individuals for successful careers in veterinary medicine.

"The recognition of the VVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant Program as an Industry-Recognized Credential reflects the high standards and practical training provided through the program," said Executive Director Dr. Katherine Gray. "This designation helps strengthen career pathways into veterinary medicine while providing employers with confidence that credential holders have demonstrated foundational knowledge and skills essential to veterinary practice."

The VVMA's online Certified Veterinary Assistant Program was developed to support both aspiring veterinary professionals and current veterinary team members seeking to expand their knowledge and professional growth opportunities. The program evolved from the recognition

that training and career development are critical to strengthening the veterinary workforce and supporting high-quality patient care.

Individuals who complete the CVA Program gain foundational knowledge in many areas including veterinary terminology, animal handling and restraint, patient care, infection control, workplace safety, client communication, and other essential skills used daily in veterinary practices. The program provides a structured pathway for individuals interested in entering the veterinary profession while also helping current veterinary assistants receive certification and acknowledgment of their knowledge and expertise. The goal is for the VVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant Program to play an important role in developing skilled veterinary team members and expanding access to veterinary career opportunities.

For more information about the VVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant Program, visit the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association website vtvets.org or contact the VVMA office info@vtvets.org

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