



The Academy of Physical Rehabilitation Veterinary Technicians - Proposed

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Academy of Physical Rehabilitation Veterinary Technicians (APRVT - proposed) – Eligibility and Requirement Checklist

This information is subject to change after the APRVT proposed petition is submitted and approved by the Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialty (CVTS) of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA). The APRVT proposed is scheduled to submit a petition for specialty Academy recognition in January 2017. This information should not be used or distributed for any other purposes other than to assist with education and experience requirement guidelines for credentialed veterinary technicians working in veterinary physical rehabilitation. The Academy reserves the right to change this information on approval by the Academy Board of Directors at any time prior to petition submission.

1. Fulfill minimum points credentialing criteria including documentary evidence in application packet. (See below Points system)
2. Two letters of recommendation are required for APRVT consideration. One letter must be from the applicant's mentor who is certified in veterinary rehabilitation or is a veterinary college diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine. The Academy will, accept letters of recommendation from diplomates recognized by the AAVSB. Non-VTS Credentialed Veterinary Technicians and Physical Therapists with rehabilitation credentialing are currently not accepted at this time.
3. Mentor agreement/request form signed by a state licensed veterinarian who works directly with the applicant, stating the applicant is performing duties as a credentialed veterinary technician within their veterinary practice act guidelines when providing physical rehabilitative therapies. If needed, include a copy of relevant sections from the veterinary practice act.
4. Proof of graduation from an AVMA approved Veterinary Technician program and/or credentialing license to practice as a Veterinary Technician in some State or Province of the United States, Canada, or other country.
5. Meet education and experience requirements after graduation from a recognized school of Veterinary Technology and/or becoming credentialed to practice as a Veterinary Technicians through documentary evidence (case logs and skills list) of advanced competence in veterinary physical rehabilitation.
6. Provide four (4) detailed case reports following the guidelines set forth in the application packet.



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7. Current membership with North American Veterinary Technicians Association including documentary evidence of membership number and current dues receipt.
8. Membership of the American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians - technician associate strongly encouraged
9. Minimum of five (5) years as a credentialed veterinary technician (10,000 hours working 40 hours a week, 50 weeks a year) with two (2) of those years with experience as a credentialed veterinary technician (4,000 hours) AND three (3) of those years containing at least 4,500 hours (75% of 6,000 hours, 3 years- 40-hour work week) of work as a credentialed rehabilitation veterinary technician in veterinary physical rehabilitation experience. Verification of experience required.
10. Mentorship: Each VTS candidate should be supervised by a veterinarian who is certified in veterinary rehabilitation **or** is a veterinary college diplomate of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (DACVSMR). This “mentor” should be in the same locality as the candidate and should be able to make site visits. The board will review the mentor’s location and ability to supervise the candidate. Mentor agreement form must be included in the applicant packet submissions
11. Continuing Education accounting for a minimum of forty (40) qualifying hours of advanced continuing education (CE) within the last 5 years pertaining to veterinary physical rehabilitation or associated topics that can be directly correlated to any of the APRVT Advanced Skills Checklist

Points System Criteria for VTS (Physical Rehabilitation) Academy Certification

Applicants must show evidence of activities that earn a minimum of **135 points** (out of a possible 325 - point system) using the following criteria. The Academy looks favorably upon the well-rounded applicant. **Photocopies of certificates, publications/table of contents, syllabus, fliers, proceedings, articles, and diplomas are REQUIRED for points to be accrued and counted towards total. If evidence is not provided, points will not be counted.** Teaching experience is accepted if the following criteria are met (at least one): course material is peer reviewed, a syllabus or outline is followed or course content is above and beyond what is expected for entry level physical rehabilitation, participants are either invited or exclusive to veterinary professionals.

1. Evidence of completion of postgraduate training or other advanced training in addition to credentialed veterinary technology in topics related to veterinary physical rehabilitation (e.g., completion of a post-graduate training in physical rehabilitation certification)
(50 points total) _____



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2. Evidence of completion of postgraduate training including observation hours, case reports and an examination or other advanced training in addition to credentialed veterinary technology degree in topics related to veterinary pain management
(50 points total) _____
3. Evidence of significant experience teaching courses related to veterinary physical rehabilitation in academia (veterinary or veterinary technology school, veterinary physical rehabilitation certification school or professional continuing education program).
(30 points total) _____
4. First or senior author on a peer-reviewed publication in a scientific journal within the last 5 years resulting from research or clinical practice related to veterinary physical rehabilitation.
(30 points per item- 60 points maximum) _____
5. Co-author (i.e., not a first or senior author) on a peer-reviewed journal publication or a primary invited author on textbook chapters related to physical rehabilitation within the last 5 years.
(20 points total) _____
6. Editor of a textbook containing information about veterinary physical rehabilitation within the past 5 years.
(30 points per textbook - maximum 60 points) _____
7. Invited podium speaker at multiple national or international scientific veterinary conferences on topics related to veterinary physical rehabilitation.
(20 points per item- maximum 40 points) _____
8. Membership of AARV technician association.
(5 points total) _____
9. Membership of IVAPM.
(5 points total) _____
10. RACE approved Continuing Education (CEU) in *addition* to the 40 required CEU within the last 5 years.
(1 point per 2 CEU, maximum 5 points) _____
11. Physical rehabilitation article written for general public, local veterinary clinics.
(5 pts each - maximum 10 points) _____
12. Guest speaker at a RACE approved lecture series:
(20 pts per lecture - maximum 40 points) _____



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13. Guest speaker non RACE approved lecture (i.e. canine fitness center, dog show, local veterinary clinic.
(10 points per lecture - maximum 20 points) _____

14. Evidence of completion of postgraduate training or other advanced training restricted to veterinary professionals. (e.g. The Chi Institute Veterinary Technician Acupuncture Course, or any of the UT programs: OA case manager, Canine Pain Manager, Nutrition Case Management)
(25 points total) _____

15. Evidence of completion of a Bachelor's of Science (BS) or Masters (MS) degree in an animal related field
(25 points total) _____

Total points out of 325 (minimum 135): _____

Respectively submitted September 6, 2016 by:

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