



MEMORANDUM

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TO Veterinary Medical Board

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SUBJECT **RVT Educational Programs as per CCR 2068.5 Proposed Regulations**

Background:

There are many programs that have come into existence over the last five years that are teaching curriculum designed to establish eligibility for students to sit for the RVT state board exam. California law requires that all programs offering specific RVT curriculum are approved both by the Board and the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education, but the Board does not have specific language that outlines the approval criteria for programs offering RVT curriculum under the provisions of CCR 2068.5.

Staff will work with the Board's RVT Committee to develop proposed concept language and mail it out to interested parties for comment and then bring it back to the Board in January.

One of the issues is whether to establish a minimum number of hours required in each of the education categories. Another issue is that there could be two education pathways to eligibility for the RVT state board exam, 1) an approved program, or 2) a student getting the education on their own. Both pathways would also require the 4416 hours of directed clinical experience. However, if we establish minimum hours of education in each category for the approved programs, those minimum hours should likely apply to all applicants regardless of which path they choose.

Action Requested:

No action requested.