

Why licensure for Minnesota's veterinary technicians?

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Benefits to Public Safety

Licensure improves consumer protection and public safety due to veterinary technician's knowledge especially in the areas of zoonoses, infectious disease control, and pharmacology

Licensure provides greater State oversight of all activities of veterinary technicians increasing accountability and a mechanism for investigating and handling professional errors, misconduct, unethical behavior, and drug diversion

Licensure sets a professional standard for training and skills for veterinary technicians, ensuring that these standards are maintained through continuing education requirements

Licensure provides assurance to the public who expect qualified pet care-givers and will result in improved patient care

Benefits to the Veterinary Profession

Licensure leads to greater potential retention in the career field which should help to reduce the shortage of veterinary technicians

Licensure recognizes the education as well as defining the skills and talents that are appropriately due to the veterinary technician

Licensure leads to improved efficiency for veterinary practices resulting in increased revenue

Licensure attracts applicants to veterinary technician programs and promotes greater numbers of graduates sitting for the Veterinary Technician National Examination leading to more technicians exhibiting entry-level competency

Licensure puts Minnesota veterinary technicians on par nationally with a majority of their colleagues, increasing marketability in states with the mandatory credential and allows technicians from other states to easily transfer their license to MN, attracting relocating veterinary technicians.

Licensure empowers veterinary technicians to assist with national disasters. Regulated credentials are necessary for disaster participation

Licensure is encouraged by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards that provides to all State agencies a model practice act, regulations for veterinary technicians using definitions from the American Veterinary Medical Association, and scope of practice for veterinary technicians and veterinary technologists

Licensure is the norm in the United States and Canada with less than 20% of States and Provinces not having a regulation for veterinary technicians