

Why mandatory credentialing for veterinary technicians?

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Benefits to Public Safety

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

Mandatory credentialing 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

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

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

Benefits to the Veterinary Profession

Mandatory credentialing leads to greater potential retention in the career field and helps to reduce the shortage of veterinary technicians

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

Mandatory credentialing leads to improved efficiency for veterinary practices resulting in increased revenue

Mandatory credentialing promotes greater numbers of graduates sitting for the Veterinary Technician National Examination leading to more technicians exhibiting entry-level competency

Mandatory credentialing puts Minnesota veterinary technicians on par nationally with a majority of their colleagues, increasing marketability in states with the mandatory credential

Mandatory credentialing empowers veterinary technicians to assist with national disasters. Official credentials are necessary for disaster participation

Mandatory credentialing 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

Mandatory credentialing is the norm in the United States and Canada with only 20% of States and Providences not having a mandatory credential