

Continuing Education Structure Update

The Continuing Education Committee and the Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologist Board of Directors created and approved the following changes to the policy surround Continuing Education credits and the Continuing Education program. The restructuring of the policy was done to make it easier to understand, recognize the different roles that Registered Veterinary Technologists play throughout the Veterinary Medical community, and become more aligned with the Continuing Education structure of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association.

Requirements

Each active member of the Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologists (SAVT) will be required to earn twenty (20) credits in a two (2) year term. Members will be required to get a minimum of eighteen (18) credits from Category 1; however, all twenty (20) points from Category 1 is accepted. Category 2 credits are allowed to a maximum of two (2) per term.

Category 1

Category 1 has four different subcategory options and all CE that falls into one of these four categories is accepted as Category 1.

Continuing Education in Clinical Veterinary Medicine and Science

Science or clinical based Continuing Education, supported by applied or basic research, that has been presented in peer-reviewed scientific literature, or has been typically presented at accredited schools of veterinary medicine or nationally recognized organizations or institutions. For example, dentistry, hematology, radiology, anesthesiology, etcetera.

Continuing Education in Disciplines That Have An Impact on Animal Health and Welfare

Disciplines such as animal nutrition, management, husbandry, behavior, alternative and complimentary therapies and others are appropriate. As these areas are essential to animal health and welfare, they are desirable Continuing Education opportunities, provided that the other conditions outlined in this policy are met.

Continuing Education That Have An Impact on the Profession of Veterinary Medicine

Continuing Education in areas that have an impact on the profession of veterinary medicine is encouraged. These may include areas of policy development, legislation, regulations and governance.

Continuing Education That Impact on the Delivery of Veterinary Medical Services
Disciplines such as practice management, communication, conflict resolution and employment standards are increasingly necessary for practice owners.

Other areas may be considered, provided they are relevant to animal health and welfare and if they enhance the member's skill in the delivery of veterinary services.

Category 2

Credits from this category will include personal wellness, self-improvement, and overall enrichment of the individual member. This category is meant to combat personal and professional burn-out and promote the longevity of Registered Veterinary Technologists in the profession of Veterinary Medicine.

Continuing Education Credit Value

One (1) credit in Category 1 requires one (1) hour of education. A half hour would mean you get half a Continuing Education credit. If a Continuing Education activity is RACE approved for a particular number of credits the SAVT will accept it for the same amount.

One (1) credit in Category 2 requires two (2) hours for every credit.

Carry-Over of Credits

Carry over of credits will not be allowed in this new structure. Credits must be received in the years of that specific term except for new graduates who can claim credits that they received in the two years they were in school.

Representative and Exhibitor Continuing Education Credits

Representatives and exhibitors who attend conferences focused on veterinary medicine will receive credits for their attendance and participation in enhancing their skills and the skills of members of the veterinary community. The credits will be based on the table below:

Days of the Conference	Amount of Credits Awarded
1-2 days	2 credits
3-4 days	4 credits
5+ days	5 credits

Maximum Values

Below are examples of Category 1 activities that are not easily gauged per hour and have therefore been designated a maximum value. This does not include all activities however if members require clarification on an activity they can contact the SAVT office.

Certification in a Veterinary Technologist Specialty (VTS) or other professional designation	20 credits
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Post-secondary level course in animal health/science, welfare, business, professional development, administration, communication, etcetera	10 credits per course
Practicum supervisor	5 credit maximum per year
Submit an article to a Veterinary Medicine magazine or other publication surrounding Veterinary Medicine that is published	4 credits per article
Submit an unpublished article to the SAVT office for review	1 credit per article
Seminars, courses, wet labs, workshops, or hands-on clinic	1 credit per hour
VMC/WCVM Seminars or Rounds	1 credit per hour
Participate in a spay/neuter clinic	5 credits per day
SAVT Annual General Meeting Attendance	1 credit
Complete the SAVT Wage Survey	5 credits
Serve on the SAVT Board of Directors for the full year	6 credits
Serve on an SAVT Committee for the full year	3 credits
Public meeting, public education, or volunteering directly related to veterinary medicine and/or animal health and welfare (VetaVision, SAVT Booth, Be-a-Tree presentation)	1 credit per 1 hour
Representatives and exhibitors who attend approved conferences	Maximum 10 per term

A credit in Category 2 requires two hours for every credit and can include any activity that encourages and promotes personal wellness, self-improvement, and overall enrichment of the individual member.

Documentation is required for all Continuing Education activities and must be provided and uploaded to a member's online account for the purposes of audit. Documentation for Category 2 will ask that members indicate how the activity provided them with personal wellness, self-improvement, and overall enrichment.

All Continuing Education credits will remain subject to the approval of the SAVT.

Structure Commencement

The Board of Directors it will take effect January 1, 2019. The members who have terms that expire December 31, 2018, will begin their new term January 1, 2019, with the new structure. The members who are in the 2018/2019 term that does not expire until December 31, 2019, will adopt the new structure and use it to complete their term. The credits they have already uploaded and achieved will be rolled into one of the new areas.