

CVMA CVA School Program

Become a mentor to a CVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant! CVMA is proud to announce its highly respected and very popular CVMA CVA program is now being offered through high schools, regional occupational programs, and technical colleges. Student applicants are held to the same stringent assessment of comprehension, competency, and real-world experience as hospital employees who earn CVMA CVA.

Give an opportunity to a student who needs a jump start into the animal care industry. Facilitate their passion for the welfare of animals by contributing to their formalized training.

California-licensed DVM and RVT mentors provide skills validation, practical experience, hospital tours, equipment demonstrations and donations, scholarship opportunities, internship, employment, etc., and directly benefit through good community relations, new client sources, extra help around the hospital, and an excellent employment pool of qualified people. CVMA Certified Veterinary Assistants are setting the standard of training and experience for non-licensed support staff in California and offer employers increased staff productivity, reduced liability, lower staff turnover and training costs, and improved client perception of the practice.

Certified CVA School Instructors must complete the skills competency list and practical experience requirement, and they must pass the same final exam their students will take. This ensures that CVMA CVA schools, with the support of local veterinary practices, produce qualified, competent individuals seeking careers in the veterinary workforce.

DVMs and RVTs can add their contact information, mentoring opportunities available, and conditions of participation to the CVMA CVA Mentorship Opportunity List by contacting the CVMA. Mentors participate on their own terms and at their sole discretion. The CVMA will connect mentors with instructors who need assistance with the CVMA CVA program.

The following pages contain the requirements for CVMA CVA and frequently asked questions. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the California Veterinary Medical Association.