



## CVMA CVA Program for RVT Schools Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What is the purpose of the CVMA CVA RVT school program?

**A:** The CVMA established the Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVMA CVA) program in order to provide veterinary practitioners more qualified, more professional, more productive employees in the traditionally entry-level positions of the veterinary support staff. Initially offered as an on-the-job training program, CVMA CVA is now being offered by accredited RVT schools in California. The CVMA CVA program can compliment the RVT curriculum and provide students with an additional certification upon completion of their RVT curriculum.

**Q:** What is required of the student enrolled in the RVT school CVMA CVA program?

**A:** The certification process requires the completion of four program components:

1. Complete the online training video curriculum, consisting of over 100 videos.
2. Complete the Skills Competency Validation List, comprised of 100 skills, under faculty supervision.
3. Complete the RVT school curriculum.
4. Score 75% or higher on the CVMA CVA final examination.

**Q:** Does CVMA CVA eliminate the need for Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs)?

**A:** Absolutely not! RVTs complete a comprehensive two-year college-level curriculum and pass the California RVT examination to receive certification from the California Veterinary Medical Board. CVMA CVAs may not use the title “technician”, nor may they perform tasks granted to RVTs by VMB regulations; rather, CVMA CVAs look to RVTs to be their mentors, advisors, and role models.

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**Q: What is required of the CVMA CVA Instructor?**

**A:** CVMA strongly recommends that educators offering CVMA CVA to their students complete the CVMA CVA Instructor Certification course. Instructor certification ensures that teachers have a clear understanding of what is expected of the CVMA CVA program and enables faculty to better mentor RVT students through the program.

**Q: Who is Animal Care Technologies?**

**A:** CVMA has partnered with Animal Care Technologies (4act.com) to host the CVMA CVA program within an online learning management system. This provides convenience for the CVMA CVA instructors and applicants, as well as security for the testing materials. In addition to the CVMA CVA program, ACT provides over 750 training videos for every member of the veterinary support team. ACT videos and review questions comprise a portion of the CVMA CVA training templates. ACT can be contacted at 800-357-3182, 4act.com, or schools.4act.com.

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