

The Academy of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Technicians

Guidelines for Candidate Skill Verification

Thank you for agreeing to assist our AVCPT candidate: _____ as they work towards completion of their requirements to become a veterinary technician specialist in clinical pathology (VTS - Clinical Pathology). Part of the requirements for obtaining specialty status is to acquire verification of mastery of identified skills as set forth by AVCPT. This is done through the signature of a licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician specialist attesting to the candidates' mastery of the identified skills. We appreciate your willingness to provide your expertise and time in support of this candidate.

According to AVCPT's definition of mastery, the candidate must be able to perform the task safely, consistently with a high degree of success and without being coached or prompted. Mastery of a skill requires the candidate to have performed the task in a wide variety of patients, situations and a multitude of times. Please consider this your guideline for determining whether or not to verify as mastered a skill as requested by the candidate before signing their skill list.

The candidate should arrange a time to review the required skills with you for mutual understanding of the process. The Skills List is subdivided into two categories: **Core Skills** and **Supplemental Skills**. All Core Skills listed must be proficiently demonstrated by the candidate before being verified as mastered. Of the list of Supplemental Skills at least 25 skills of the candidate's choice must be proficiently demonstrated by the candidate before being verified as mastered. In addition to your verification of each individual task, you must also complete the information at the end of the Skills List. The candidate must ensure that each verified skill is cross-referenced to a case log. Any signed-off skill that does not have an accompanying case log will not be accepted.

Within the Supplemental Skills List is a section entitled "Other Testing". This is to be utilized for skills not currently listed under Core or Supplemental Skills. It is recommended that candidates contact AVCPT to request approval of an alternative skill. Candidates should not assume that new methods, modalities or specialized testing/techniques will be accepted. The candidate should attach AVCPT approval to the case log to avoid misunderstandings at a later date.

Thank you again for assisting this candidate as they move through the process of AVCPT specialization.