

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE

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Biennial Report**

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3. List all critical and major recommendations from your last Report of Evaluation and describe the steps taken to meet the recommendations.

A. All critical recommendations except the pregnancy and rabies vaccination policy were addressed in a letter to Dr. Leff in February of 2006. Attached as Appendix A will be copies of the current pregnancy and rabies immunization policies that have been implemented at EWC.

B. The Program advisory committee has been expanded and does include the president or vice-president (whichever student is available to attend meetings), an additional veterinarian and 2 additional technicians. Utilization of the advisory committee has been expanded some but needs to continue to be addressed especially with respect to their role in counseling in regard to the need of the veterinary community.

C. The most exciting and time-consuming project for the Veterinary Technology Department has been the development of plans and current remodeling/construction project at the Veterinary Technology Building. Remodeling of Room 132, the area that was originally the Large Animal Room (and most recently the Cat Room) includes:

- A recovery room for small animal surgical patients

- An isolation area that will have 2 kennel/cage areas, a separate food preparation area and a separate entrance/exit

- Three separate rooms for rodents, reptiles and birds

- A food storage area

- A food preparation area with a washer and dryer for soiled materials from animal cages and runs (so that the current washer/dryer can be used for human clothes only)

Additions to the VT Building include:

- An area for cats that will include 3 separate rooms for cats to be housed in with cat condos available for use when/if needed

- At area for sixteen indoor runs for dogs

- Two outside exercise areas for dogs, these exercise areas are surrounded on three sides by the indoor kennel facility

- A bathing area

- A food preparation area

- A food storage area

- A mechanical room

Completion of the project is scheduled for December of 2007

D. Chart holders have been installed in all areas where animals may be housed to facilitate accessibility to animal medical records.

E. The EWC Library received \$50,000 from an allocation to the community college system (and has again this year) to purchase educational materials for programs at EWC.

This money can not be used for periodicals. Animal models, books, DVDs, and subscriptions to data bases were all purchased last year to supplement the VT holdings in the library. Additional data bases are currently being reviewed. The VT staff will continue to request items for purchase by the library staff. Items purchased can be checked out to use in the classroom but must be maintained in the library facility. A new educational facility (at EWC) that would house a new library is in the top eight projects requested by the Wyoming Community College Commission. Such a facility would offer the space needed for some of the larger items that programs such as the VT Program would like to see the library purchase.

F. The Program continues to work with recruiters, the learning skills lab and others in the student services area to address the attrition rate. Formal evaluation of our attrition rates should be completed during the next two academic years.

4. Minor recommendations that have been addressed:

A. The president or vice-president of the VT Club shall serve on the advisory committee

B. Items that have been purchased during the past two academic years include: a tonometer, an IV pump, 5 binocular microscopes, a large animal x-ray machine, a large animal isoflurane vaporizer, a small autoclave, a digital camera, tables and chairs for 2 classrooms, a new refrigerator, 3 new office computers, additional animal soft tissue and bone models.

C. An additional recruiter has been hired by EWC. Recruiting efforts have been increased in states adjacent to Wyoming. EWC now has border scholarships to assist those students from adjacent states, Wyoming has the Hathaway scholarship which benefits Wyoming graduates with \$1600, \$2400 or \$3200 annually depending on the student's GPA and ACT score. The current EWC recruiters have worked closely with the VT staff to be well informed about the curriculum, the work involved and job opportunities.

D. The EWC Vet Tech Club has not joined NAVTA.

E. All community college faculty in the state of Wyoming received a 20.3% salary increase with their current contract.

F. No additional VT related electives have been added.

G. Graduates are encouraged to take the VTNE.

5. Program or organizational changes.

The Vice-President/Dean of Instruction retired at the end of the 2006 academic year, Dr. Richard Holcomb started as the new VP/Dean of Instruction on August 20, 2007.

The President of EWC will retire, Dr. Shari Olson will begin as the new President of EWC on December 10, 2007.

A new full-time position, an animal care technician, was approved for the VT program. Debbie Rutherford, a graduate of the EWC VT Program was hired June 1, 2007. Her duties include weekend/holiday animal care, supervision of student animal care, inventory control and assistance with USDA compliance.

6. Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Calculations have been developed for internet delivery. Two students successfully completed the courses during the Summer 2007 session. There are no current plans to increase distance learning offerings.

7. Members of the VT Faculty worked to determine which classes each essential task would be evaluated in, instructors then developed the criteria for evaluation of each essential task, that instructor is then responsible for documentation of each student completing the criteria. Individual student files with documentation of task completion will be maintained in a file cabinet for review. Faculty are considering maintaining individual student records electronically. A copy of the criteria for task evaluation for VTTK 1625, Veterinary Urinalysis Appendix B, is attached.

8. Student numbers:

First year:	Second year	Third year	Fourth year:	Total
32	16	9		57

9. Attrition information:

Academic Year	How many students entered academic year	Attrition from Enrollment to end of first year	Attrition rate from enrollment to graduation
Current year	32		
2006-07	17	0%	will graduate Spring or Summer 2008. 14 have returned
2005-06	35	14.3	80% (this is not accurate as 9 of these students are on track to graduate Fall 2007 or Spring 2008, if they graduate the attrition rate will be 42%)

10. Approximate total current tuition, fees, books and other personal expenses.

	In-state	Out-of-State	Regional/Other (Western Undergraduate Exchange)
Total * Program Costs: Admission to Graduation	\$6,500.00 (plus dorm costs \$1797 per semester)	\$11,500.00 (plus dorm costs \$1797 per semester)	\$8,500.00 (plus dorm costs \$1797 per semester)

11. Graduates

Academic Year	Number of graduates (Head Count)
2006-07	18
2005-06	14
2004-05	16

12. The last two VTNE summary reports are attached as Appendix C

13. There is no Wyoming State Veterinary Technician examination.

14. Staff information:

	Number	FTE
Veterinarian	3	2.5
Veterinary Technician	2	1.5
Other (1 MD, 1 non-teaching technician)	2	.3 (applies to MD only)