



College of Veterinary Medicine  
UtahStateUniversity

## MEMORANDUM

To: Nevada WICHE Commission

From: Dirk K. Vanderwall, Interim Dean

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Date: April 15, 2024

Re: Information Plan for Nevada Residents

The Utah State University (USU) College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is in the process of obtaining accreditation through the American Veterinary Medical Association – Council on Education (AVMA COE), which is a multi-step process. The USU CVM needs to obtain a Letter of Reasonable Assurance (LOR) from the AVMA – COE before it can admit its first class of students. The attached document outlines how the USU CVM intends to provide information to Nevada residents about its accreditation status. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact me at 435-797-9438 (o) or [dirk.vanderwall@usu.edu](mailto:dirk.vanderwall@usu.edu).



## Information Plan for Nevada Residents

1. In September or October of 2024, USU CVM administrators will visit the University of Nevada – Reno (UNR), the University of Nevada – Las Vegas (UNLV), and Nevada State University (NSU) to meet with interested students. During each visit, an update on the status of the accreditation process will be provided, and the names and contact information of interested students will be collected, so that informational updates can be provided as the accreditation process continues.
2. In January or February of 2025, USU CVM administrators will make follow-up visits to UNR, UNLV, and NSU to meet with interested students. Like the first visit, an update on the status of the accreditation process will be provided. If there are attendees present who were not at the fall meeting, their names and contact information will be collected, so they can also receive ongoing informational updates about the accreditation process.
3. The USU CVM will work closely with the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) to provide detailed information to the members of the NVMA, since many pre-veterinary students have a close working relationship with one or more veterinarians. Therefore, it will be very important for veterinarians in Nevada to be fully informed of the accreditation status of the USU CVM.
4. In March of 2025, the USU CVM will conduct its annual pre-veterinary symposium, and an invitation to participate will be sent to all Nevada residents whose contact information has been collected as noted above. In addition, an option for remote participation via live-streaming will be made available to all interested individuals.
5. All of these informational efforts will note that the USU CVM will open an application process as soon as a Letter of Reasonable Assurance (LOR) is received from the AVMA – COE.
6. In addition to providing information to interested individuals through the channels described above, the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC), which manages the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), has informed the USU CVM they will send out an email “blast” to all applicants in their system as soon as an LOR is received.

The USU CVM is committed to providing Nevada residents with detailed information about the status of its program, and feel the steps noted above will help ensure that occurs.