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Dear Dr Crawford

Veterinary Nurse Training

Thank you for your email of 7 April 2014 inviting AVA to comment on the above.

The topic was circulated to those vets that are members of our AVA Victorian email discussion group which includes approximately 35 members and also circulated in our electronic e-newsletter that is sent to all members inviting comment.

AVA members recognise that there is a difference in standard of training between Registered Training Providers of Veterinary Nursing. It is generally agreed that the standards provided by on-line providers are poorer than providers that do on campus training or workplace assessments.

It is agreed that external validation would be an excellent initiative to establish the standard of training that is being delivered by RTOs of the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

AVA members would like to be assured that all veterinary nurses that hold an Australian Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing have all reached a similar standard in their training.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment.

Regards,

Dr Patricia Stewart
President
Australian Veterinary Association (Victorian Division)