



## **Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians (AVNT) Recertification Requirements**

Recertification as a VTS (Nutrition) is required by the AVNT every 5 years. There are 2 methods to meet the recertification requirements.

- A. Retake and pass the AVNT certification exam
  - a. Members who have served on the examination committee during the last 2 years are not eligible to retake the examination for recertification.
- B. Continuing education
  - a. 60 points are required using the following criteria
  - b. All required points must be accrued between the date of initial certification and December 31 of the year that is five (5) years later.

### **Section A – Continuing Education**

#### **Attending lectures or labs on subjects related to veterinary nutrition**

##### **20 Points minimum/50 points maximum**

- Lecture attendance – 1 point per credit hour
- Lab attendance - 2 points per credit hour
  - Certificate of attendance must be submitted if requested by the Recertification Committee.

#### **Attending lectures or labs on subjects related to general veterinary medicine**

##### **10 Points maximum**

- Lecture attendance – 1 point per credit hour
- Lab attendance - 2 points per credit hour
  - Certificate of attendance must be submitted if requested by the Recertification Committee.

#### **Attending veterinary nutrition related webinars and in house veterinary nutrition training**

##### **15 Points maximum**

- Attending webinar related to veterinary nutrition – 1 point per credit hour
- Attending in house training in veterinary nutrition - 1 point per hour
  - Certificate of attendance or completion must be submitted if requested by the Recertification Committee.

### **Section B – Writing published works on veterinary nutrition topics**

##### **45 Points maximum**

- Published newsletter article – 2 points each
- Published journal article – 15 points each

- Published book chapter published – 20 points each
- Published research paper - primary author – 10 points each
- Published research paper - secondary author – 5 points each

**Section C – Lecturing or instructing in a lab – veterinary nutrition topics**

**40 Points maximum**

- Presenting a veterinary nutrition lecture at a:
  - Local, regional, national, or international conference - 5 points per credit hour
  - College of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology program – 5 points per class
  - RACE approved online course – 5 points per credit hour
- Presenting an online interactive webinar on a veterinary nutrition topic
- Primary instructor of a nutrition related lab
  - Local, regional, national, or international conference - 5 points per credit hour
  - College of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology program – 5 points per class
- Assistant instructor of a nutrition related lab
  - Local, regional, national, or international conference - 3 points per credit hour
  - College of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology program – 3 points per class

**Section D – Holding an AVNT Office, serving on an AVNT committee, acting as a mentor**

**20 Points maximum**

- 10 points per year for holding office or serving as a committee chair of AVNT
- 5 points per year for serving on a committee of AVNT.
  - *A letter from the Chair is required stating that you actively participated in the duties of the committee.*
- 3 points per year for each mentoree. Mentee must be recorded with AVNT.

**AVNT MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION APPLICATION**

Initial Certification Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recertification Date (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

NAVTA membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Are you credentialed in your state or providence? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, a copy of your license, registration, or certification is required.

If no, a copy of your diploma from an AVMA approved Veterinary Technician program is required.

Exclusionary clause: You must meet the 60 points required to maintain VTS designation, but if you are unable to meet the minimum or maximum numbers you can submit an exclusion with the executive board, complete with documentation as to why you should be granted an exclusion. The decision to grant an exclusion is up to the Executive Board of AVNT, and is not subject to appeal.