



Inspection Report

Columbia State Community College
1665 Hampshire Pike
Columbia, TN 38401

Customer ID: 846
Certificate: 63-R-0014
Site: 001

Columbia State Community
College

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 15-SEP-2025

2.31(c)(7)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

A modification was made to Protocol "Rabbit Husbandry/Technical Procedures" without prior approval by the IACUC. The protocol states that food receptacles and water bottles will be sanitized weekly and that rabbit enclosures will be sanitized by washing with a detergent solution followed by disinfections with dilute chlorhexidine. The facility has one rabbit and has not been following the sanitization protocols.

Failure to follow the approved protocol by making unapproved changes does not allow the IACUC to review these changes as required and ensure the animals involved do not experience negative impacts to their health and well-being. The IACUC must ensure that all significant changes regarding the care and use of animals in ongoing activities are reviewed and approved prior to implementation.

Correct by October 17, 2025

2.31(e)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Four of the registrant's teaching protocols are missing multiple required components. They do not include a total number of animals to be used, a rationale for the total number of animals to be used, nor complete descriptions of the procedure. The protocols simply state that the investigator wishes to "use 2-3 dogs per lab," or similar language, and do not note the total labs to be completed. No rationale for the species or total number of animals is documented. The protocols state these animals will be used to teach restraint, radiology, or other skills necessary to teach veterinary technician students but do not describe the actual procedures.

Incomplete descriptions of procedures do not allow the IACUC to fully understand and review the proposed activities involving animal use. This oversight is crucial to monitoring and enforcing animal welfare standards in research.

All protocols submitted to the IACUC for review must contain all five components listed in this subsection, including the species and the approximate number of animals to be used, a rationale for the species and number of animals, a complete description of the proposed use of the animals, a description of procedures designed to assure that discomfort

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and pain to the animals will be limited to that which is unavoidable for the conduct of scientifically valuable research, and a description of any euthanasia method to be used.

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2.38(I)

Miscellaneous.

The registrant has not documented their required annual review of the contingency plan nor has the registrant trained a new employee on the contingency plan. This employee started at the facility on July 21, 2025 and is involved with the care of the animals.

Annual reviews of the contingency plan help ensure that identified emergency situations and measures are adequately addressed for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing and care of animals in the event of an emergency. The review and any changes must be documented. Failure to conduct training with employees involved with the operation of the facility and the care of the animals may result in a less-than-optimal response in the event of an emergency.

Contingency plans must be reviewed at least annually. The date of the review and any changes made to the contingency plan must be documented. Facilities must provide training for their personnel regarding their roles and responsibilities as outlined in the contingency plan within 30 days of their start date. Any substantive changes to the plan must be communicated to employees through training which must be conducted within 30 days of making the changes.

Correct by September 30, 2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
846	63-R-0014	001	Columbia State Community College	15-SEP-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Equus caballus</i>	DOMESTIC HORSE
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000006	Total	