

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Admissions Information & Application

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Veterinary Technology Program at Tidewater Community College. This information packet includes the admission requirements, the curriculum, and information to help you through the application process.

The Veterinary Technology program begins each fall semester and is a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree program. This program is designed for the working veterinary assistant. Students must be working in a veterinary practice an average of 20 hours per week as a veterinary assistant throughout the program. Classes are held 2 days a week in the evenings, and students must also attend mandatory laboratory sessions 3 to 4 times per semester for hands-on instruction and/or testing supervised by TCC veterinary technology program faculty.

The prerequisite courses that you must take before you can be accepted into the program are listed in the program packet. An application for the Veterinary Technology program is available on TCC's website or by calling 757-822-7260. Applications must be submitted by April 30th for consideration for admission to the program which starts in the upcoming fall semester. Applicants who meet the program pre-requisites (detailed on page 3) will be notified by May 14th for a personal interview.

Positions in this program are limited; therefore, the program faculty are not able to accept into the program all applicants who meet the program pre-requisites. Each applicant will be ranked via a numeric score based on their clinical observation/work history, academic record, letters of recommendation, and personal interview. The top 22-point earners will be accepted into the program each year.

Tidewater Community College has received accreditation of its Veterinary Technology Program through the American Veterinary Medical Association's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA CVTEA). Graduation from an accredited program is a prerequisite to becoming licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Neither Tidewater Community College, nor the Veterinary Technology program at TCC, discriminates against anyone with a criminal record. However, some veterinary facilities may refuse to accept any student with a positive criminal background, and it may affect your ability to graduate from the program.

Please feel free to email or call for further information regarding the program.

Sincerely,

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General Information

What is Veterinary Technology?

Veterinary Technology is a rapidly growing profession with many opportunities for qualified individuals. Graduates of a veterinary technology program are prepared for employment in many settings such as private veterinary practices, research facilities, pharmaceutical companies, diagnostic laboratories, zoos, wildlife rehabilitation centers, state and federal agencies, veterinary teaching hospitals, and specialty and emergency practices.

What Does a Veterinary Technician Do?

Veterinary technicians are highly trained and educated members of the veterinary healthcare team. Veterinary technicians handle many of the same responsibilities that nurses and other professionals perform for physicians. However, unlike nurses, they are trained to perform these tasks on multiple species of animals. Veterinary technicians perform laboratory diagnostics, advanced nursing care, client communication, radiography, anesthesiology, surgical nursing, and dentistry. Veterinary technicians may also specialize in specific disciplines of the field.

What is the Job Outlook in the Field of Veterinary Health Care?

Currently there is a strong demand for graduates from veterinary technology programs. Employment of veterinary technologists and technicians is projected to grow 20 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. (via [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#))

What do Veterinary Technicians Earn?

The median entry level salary for a licensed veterinary technician is \$32,490.00 per year. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Veterinary Technology Program Pre-requisites

- High school graduate or GED
- ENG 111 with a 'C' or better*
- CHM 110 with a 'C' or better*
- Placement into MTE 4,5 or MTH 95 or equivalent
- Documentation of 40 hours of clinical observation within the last calendar year or work history
- A letter of recommendation from a veterinarian and a letter of recommendation from a licensed veterinary technician (see page 4)

*Students taking pre-requisite courses during the spring semester may submit mid-term grades or an interim grade report. Acceptance in the Veterinary Technology program will be contingent upon completion of all pre-requisites with a grade of 'C' or better, including courses that may have been in progress at the time of admission. Offer of program acceptance may be forfeited based on the student's final grade.

Approval of Student's Clinical Site Prior to Commencement of Program

Primary hands-on animal learning will take place off-campus at the student's approved clinical site. **The student will be required to work or volunteer a minimum of 20 hours a week at a full-service, licensed veterinary facility while enrolled in the program.** The veterinary clinic must meet minimum standards in regards to staff, equipment, and caseload, have a veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician who will oversee the student's training, and must sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Tidewater Community College. Animals utilized for training will be part of an existing doctor/client/patient (VCPR) relationship at the veterinary hospital or clinic.

Students will not be able to begin the program without approval of their clinical site. If there is concern that the student will not achieve sufficient exposure to a particular animal species or specific piece of equipment, the student will be responsible for securing approval of a secondary clinical site.

The student is responsible for securing an approved clinical facility prior to the commencement of their first semester. If the student is not able to secure a clinical site by August 1st then their seat in the program will be forfeited.



Official Curriculum Guide

Name: _____

Date Entered TCC: _____

SIS Empl ID: _____

Counselor: _____

Associate of Applied Science: Veterinary Technology(188)

The Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Veterinary Technology prepares graduates for careers in the field of veterinary technology. Graduates are prepared for employment in many settings such as private veterinary practices, research facilities, pharmaceutical companies, diagnostic laboratories, zoos, wildlife rehabilitation centers, state and federal agencies, veterinary teaching hospitals, and specialty and emergency practices.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the Veterinary Technology program. Entrance requirements for this program include completion of ENG 111; completion of CHM110, and MTH 5 (or MTH 95) or MTE 4-5; or equivalent; a college and a Veterinary Technology application, animal experience, and letters of recommendation. Detailed information regarding the admission criteria, selection process, etc. can be found in the Veterinary Technology Admissions Procedures and Information Booklet, which can be reviewed or downloaded from the tcc.edu website. Qualified candidates will be granted an interview based on the number and quality of applicants. Participation in an orientation session is mandatory. Official transcripts from other colleges attended must be submitted to the Office of the College Registrar at Tidewater Community College prior to the application deadline. For further information regarding admission, continuance, and graduation requirements, go to tcc.edu (search keywords "veterinary technology").

Pre-Admission Semester

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
CHM 110	Survey of Chemistry	3	None	None	_____	()
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	Qualifying Placement Test score, ENF 1, ENF 2 or equivalent	None	_____	()
Semester Total		6				

Semester 1

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3	None	None	_____	()
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1	None	None	_____	()
VET 103	Veterinary Office Assisting	3	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 116	Animal Breeds and Behavior	3	Admission into program	None	_____	()
Semester Total		10				

Semester 2

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	3	Placement into ENG 111	None	_____	()

Semester 2

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
VET 105	Introduction to Veterinary Technology	3	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 111	Anatomy and Physiology of Domestic Animals	4	Admission into program	None	_____	()
Semester Total		10				

Semester 3

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
VET 115	Laboratory Techniques I	4	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 216	Animal Pharmacology	3	Admission into program	None	_____	()
Semester Total		7				

Semester 4

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
VET 121	Clinical Practices I	4	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 135	Anesthesia of Domestic Animals	2	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 211	Animal Diseases I	2	Admission into program	None	_____	()
_____	Humanities Elective ¹	3			_____	()
Semester Total		11				

Semester 5

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
VET 122	Clinical Practices II	4	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 212	Animal Diseases II	2	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 215	Laboratory Techniques II	4	Admission into program and VET 115	None	_____	()
Semester Total		10				

Semester 6

Classification Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	When Taken	Grade
VET 217	Introduction to Laboratory, Zoo, and Wildlife Medicine	2	Admission into program	None	_____	()
VET 221	Advanced Clinical Practices III	4	Admission into program, VET 121 and VET 122	None	_____	()
VET 290	Coordinated Internship in Veterinary Technology	3	Admission into program	None	_____	()
Semester Total		9				

Total Minimum Credits 63

¹ Eligible courses are listed on page 15 in the 2018-2019 catalog. Students should consult with an academic advisor or counselor to choose the appropriate course(s).

Admissions Process Checkoff List

The following steps must be completed by April 30th to be eligible for fall admission.

- ____ 1. Obtain a Veterinary Technology Program information packet by calling the Virginia Beach Counseling Office (757-822-7211), TCC Information Center (757-822-1122), or the Virginia Beach Natural Science division (757-822-7260).

- ____ 2. Complete and return an application for admission to Tidewater Community College. If you have applied to TCC before but have not attended within the last three years, complete a new application.

- ____ 3. Take the TCC math placement test if required. It is recommended that you take it as soon as possible to allow adequate time to take any developmental courses required. Consult the Counseling Center for information concerning your need to take these tests and for times given.

- ____ 4. Have official college transcripts sent directly to Tidewater Community College, Office of the College Registrar, P.O. Box 9000, Norfolk, Virginia 23509 from the appropriate institution's registrar. Student copies are not acceptable. Any college course work transferred to TCC requires a transcript evaluation.

- ____ 5. Complete the 40 hours of clinical observation if you are not currently employed by a veterinary clinic and submit the corresponding clinical observation form.

- ____ 6. Obtain two letters of recommendation. One must be from a veterinarian and one from a licensed veterinary technician. The recommendation forms are included in this packet (pgs. 7-12)

- ____ 7. Submit a completed Veterinary Technology Program application by April 30th to the Virginia Beach Campus Kempsville Bldg. room D101 drop box.

- ____ 8. Arrange financial aid (if desired). To apply for financial aid, call the Financial Aid Office at 757-822-7292. The number for Veterans Educational Benefits is 757-822-7235.

Veterinary Technology Applicant Recommendation Form #1

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

The above student has applied for admission to the Veterinary Technology Program at Tidewater Community College. Please assist us in making our student selections by providing the following information. **Please place in a sealed envelope, sign across the seal, and return to applicant.**

Assessment Area	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Communication Skills				
Punctuality				
Initiative				
Flexibility				
Work Ethic				
Professional Attitude				
Leadership				
Dependability				

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

What do you consider to be the applicant's talents or strengths?

What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses or areas for growth?

How well has the applicant thought out their future career goals in the veterinary profession?

Do you recommend this applicant for the Veterinary Technology Program?

- Recommend
- Recommend with reservations
- Do not recommend

Additional comments:

Evaluator's Name and Title: _____

Veterinary Technology Applicant Recommendation Form #2

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

The above student has applied for admission to the Veterinary Technology Program at Tidewater Community College. Please assist us in making our student selections by providing the following information. **Please place in a sealed envelope, sign across the seal, and return to applicant.**

Assessment Area	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Communication Skills				
Punctuality				
Initiative				
Flexibility				
Work Ethic				
Professional Attitude				
Leadership				
Dependability				

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

What do you consider to be the applicant's talents or strengths?

What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses or areas for growth?

How well has the applicant thought out their future career goals in the veterinary profession?

Do you recommend this applicant for the Veterinary Technology Program?

- Recommend
- Recommend with reservations
- Do not recommend

Additional comments:

Evaluator's Name and Title: _____

Veterinary Technology Clinical Observation Form

Each applicant must complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer, paid work, or clinical observation time in a full-service companion animal hospital before he or she will be considered for admission to the Veterinary Technology program. This form is not needed if an applicant is currently employed by a veterinary clinic. Applicants should submit the work history form in this packet instead.

The following applicant, _____, has successfully completed a minimum of 40 hours of clinical observation experience at the following veterinary clinic or hospital.

Hospital/Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Point of contact (DVM or LVT): _____

The applicant completed these clinical observation hours on the following dates: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(DVM or LVT at the above hospital/clinic)

Veterinary Technology Work History Form

Do not fill out this form if the applicant is not currently employed by a veterinary clinic. Applicants should submit the clinical observation form in this packet instead.

I hereby certify that the following applicant, _____, is currently employed at least 20 hours per week at the following practice and has at least a 6-month history of employment at this practice.

Hospital/Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Point of contact (DVM or LVT): _____

Date of Hire: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(DVM/owner or practice manager at the above hospital/clinic)

Veterinary Technology Program Application Form

Student Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SIS ID#: _____

TCC Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Are you a high school graduate? Yes _____ No _____
If you answered "No" have you received a GED? Yes _____ No _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Date application received: _____

Placement Scores

Math: _____

Application Completed? YES _____ NO _____

Letters of Recommendation (2) YES _____ NO _____

Clinical Observation/Work History Validation YES _____ NO _____

ENG 111 Completed? YES _____ NO _____ Grade _____

CHM 110 Completed? YES _____ NO _____ Grade _____

Reviewed by: _____

Comments:

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