

The Veterinary Technician program provides education in subjects such as animal husbandry, nursing, nutrition, animal handling, parasitology, hematology, microbiology, radiology, pharmacology, anesthesiology, dental prophylaxis, surgical assisting, office procedures and includes externships designed to give students practical hands-on experience to build on the skills learned in the classroom.

### ACCREDITATION

The Central Oregon Community College Veterinary Technician Program is accredited by the American Veterinarian Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) as a program for educating veterinary technicians.

### PROGRAM COSTS

(beyond standard tuition/fees and textbooks)

#### Material Costs

- Criminal history check, drug screening, immunization verification \$110
- In some cases, immunization cost for Tetanus and Rabies \$100-\$900
- Supplies, such as scrubs, lab jacket, coveralls, farm boots, stethoscope, thermometer, bandage scissors, wrist watch, name badge, calculator, laptop or tablet computer \$300-\$500
- Transportation costs are variable

#### Enrollment Fees

- Student lab fee, per term \$300

### PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

#### Academic Entrance Requirements

- Required:
  - Students must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalency.
  - The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a "C" grade or higher, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher prior to applying to the Veterinary Technician program.
    - BI 101 General Biology: Cells & Genes or BI 211 Principles of Biology I
    - GS 105 Physical Science: Chemistry or CH 104 Introduction to Chemistry I MTH 095 Intermediate Algebra or MTH 111 College Algebra or higher
    - SP 218 Interpersonal Communication
    - WR 121 Academic Composition
  - 40 hours of observation in a veterinary clinic

#### Other Entrance Requirements

- Required:
  - For a detailed description of admissions requirements, refer to the current year Veterinary Technician Program Admissions Handbook on the Veterinary Technician website. Students must complete a Veterinary Technician program application, which includes completion of the Assessment Technologies Institute Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI-TEAS) and submit any required documentation as part of their application packet. Admission packets are available at [cocc.edu/programs/vet-tech](http://cocc.edu/programs/vet-tech). Applications are accepted biennially during Spring term for admission to the Veterinary Technician program for the following Fall term.
  - Once admitted into the Veterinary Technician program, students will need to complete the following before the start of Fall term:
    - 10 panel urine drug screen
    - Criminal history check
    - Documentation of immunizations
    - Tdap (required)
    - Rabies (recommended)

### PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

#### Academic Requirements

- Students must earn a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA in prerequisite courses.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.

## VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

### Veterinary Technician

Associate of Applied Science

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterinary Technician Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree is a two-year program designed to prepare students to take the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) to become a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT). The Veterinary Technician program is accredited by the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities as a program for educating veterinary technicians.

**Additional Requirements**

- Students must enroll full time in all courses listed for each term.
- In order to progress to the next term, students must pass all previous coursework with a grade of 75% or better.
- All Veterinary Technician coursework must be successfully completed prior to entering the clinical practicum courses.

**PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS****Prerequisite Courses**

BI 101	General Biology: Cells & Genes	4
or BI 211	Principles of Biology I	
GS 105	Physical Science: Chemistry	4-5
or CH 104	Introduction to Chemistry I	
SP 218	Interpersonal Communication	3
MTH 095	Intermediate Algebra (or MTH 111 or higher)	4
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
40 hours of observation in a veterinary clinic		

**Core Courses**

VT 101	Intro to Veterinary Technician	3
VT 102	Veterinary Terminology	3
VT 103	Animal Hospital and Office Procedures	2
VT 108	Small Animal Nursing	4
VT 110	Parasitology and Pathology	4
VT 111	Hematology and Urinalysis	5
VT 112	Advanced Small Animal Nursing	4
VT 113	Exotic and Lab Animal Medicine	3
VT 114	Pharmaceutical Math	3
VT 116	Pharmacology	4
VT 117	Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology I	6
VT 118	Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II	5
VT 200	Radiation Safety	2
VT 201	Anesthesiology and Surgery Techniques	4
VT 202	Surgical Nursing and Dentistry	4
VT 203	Large Animal Nursing	4
VT 204	Diagnostic Imaging	3
VT 206	Small Animal Diseases	4
VT 208	Animal Nutrition	2
VT 209	Large Animal Diseases	3
VT 212	Veterinary Microbiology	4
VT 280	Clinical Practicum I	6
VT 281	Clinical Practicum II	4

360 hours on-site at veterinary practices

**Total Credits 105-106****ADVISING NOTES**

Students are admitted to the Veterinary Technician program through a selective admission process. Admission to the Veterinary Technician program is competitive and enrollment is limited. Program courses must be taken in sequence.

Students are strongly recommended to attend a Veterinary Technician program information session to learn about COCC's Veterinary Technician program and admission requirements prior to application submission. Information session dates and times can be found on the veterinary technician website. Currently, a cohort begins every other Fall term.

This program is intended for students seeking employment as veterinary technicians. These courses are not intended as preparation for a doctor of veterinary medicine degree (see Pre-Vet program). Some courses may transfer to other veterinary technician programs. Please contact your transfer institution for more information.