Veterinary Technology Information Packet

Dear Potential Applicant,

I am pleased to give you information on the Veterinary Technician Program here at Volunteer State Community College. This is a two- year program that cumulates in an Associates in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Veterinary Technology. The program is designed to prepare students to become licensed veterinary medical technicians. Many veterinary technicians work in private veterinary practices, but other career options include: industry, education, humane societies, zoos and wildlife parks, military, and research.

The Veterinary Technician Program has limited seating with only one new class a year of 24 students accepted every Spring semester. The deadline for applying to the program is the first Friday of November. This information packet is meant to give you valuable information on how to apply to the program. However, it is recommended that you speak to a Vet Tech Advisor before registering for classes. Please contact myself or DJ for advising questions or general injuries. Our contact information is below.

Students are encouraged to visit the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (www.navta.net) for more information about a career in Veterinary Technology.

Students interested in going on to become a veterinarian should take the more rigorous General Biology (BIOL 1110) and General Chemistry (CHEM 1110) courses. Please visit The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (www.aavmc.org) for more detailed information about applying to Veterinary School.

Students that are not interested in the science heavy coursework or the time commitment for Veterinary Technology may be interested in our Veterinary Assistant Program.

Sincerely,

Dr. K. Hope Wright DVM
Program Director Veterinary Technology
Veterinary Technology Building Room 104A
Hope.wright@volstate.edu

Clinical Coordinator and Veterinary Technician Advisor
DJ Smith LVMT
230-3567
Donna.smith@volstate.edu

Required for Consideration into the Program

1. [Admission to the College](http://www.volstate.edu/admissions) (www.volstate.edu/admissions)
2. Acceptable placement scores or completion of all learning support in Reading, Writing, and Math
3. Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 for students that have completed a semester of college
4. Must have completed or be currently enrolled in either Biology or Chemistry
5. Completion of 20 Observation / shadowing hours with a Veterinarian or Licensed Veterinary Technician
   a. Observation is designed to foster true interest in the profession
   b. A completed [Observation Form](#) must be submitted with your application
6. Ability to perform the essential expectations of a Veterinary Technician Student, included on application
7. [Application to the Veterinary Technology Program](#) – **due by the first Friday in November**

All forms can be found on the [Vet Tech Application](#) webpage (www.volstate.edu/academics/mathematics-and-science/veterinary/technology/application)

Selection Process

All applicants that have completed the above steps will be invited to interview. Interviews will be held the week of Finals in December.

Applicants are selected based on:

- 1/3 points – college GPA (science GPA is weighted based on completed hours) *Students that have completed Introduction to Biology (BIOL 1010) (or higher),* **and** *Fundamental of Chemistry (CHEM 1030) (or higher) will be given more points than other applicants*. We will include classes taken Fall in this calculation.
- 1/3 points – Application components: reference letter, experience (observation hours not included) and essay
- 1/3 points – Interview

The final decision will not be made until Fall grades are posted. Only 24 positions are available in the Program. The selected applicants are first given conditional acceptance. Students with Conditional Acceptance must complete the following before Formal Acceptance is extended.

- Sign and submit the acceptance letter
- Submit proof of Health Insurance and Tetanus vaccination
- Pass a background check
- Schedule Rabies vaccination

Students who do not complete any of the above items by the deadline will not be given Formal Acceptance. That position will then be offered to the first Alternate.

Student Expectations

All admitted Veterinary Technology students must pass all the VET classes with a "C" or better to progress in the program. **All VET courses are to be taken in the specified order; any alterations may delay graduation. The VET courses meet 3 days a week and are rigorous and fast paced.**

All admitted students must participate in Animal Care Rotations. Any student that abuses or neglects an animal used in this program may be immediately dismissed from the program.

Program Costs

Below is an estimation of the cost of the Veterinary Technology program, **in addition to tuition**. Students are expected to complete the program in four semesters, with 13 to 16 credit hours per semester. Please see the [Financial Aid – tuition](#) webpage for tuition costs.

Student's Expenses	Estimated Cost
Background check	$50
Tetanus vaccine	$50
Rabies pre-exposure vaccine	$1000 – varies
Health ins.	Various
Textbooks (VET)	$500
Scrubs	$40 per pair
Stethoscope – and other equipment	$130
Lab coat	$20
Coveralls and boots	$70
Background ck for license	$35
State of TN License fee	$85
National Exam fee	$330

Accreditation

The Veterinary Technology program at Volunteer State Community College is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA CVTEA) as a program that educates veterinary technicians

AVMA – CVTEA

1931 North Meacham Rd Suite 100

Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360

800-248-2862

Recommended Schedule

Students should enter school with Math and Science – Vet Tech as a major.

Fall I	Course	Hours
BIOL 1010 OR BIOL 1030 OR BIOL 1110	Introduction to Biology – *Lecture and Lab* Or Essentials of Biology or General Biology	4
CHEM 1030	Fundamental of Chemistry – *Lecture and Lab*	4
COMM 2025 OR COMM 2045	Fundamentals of Speech Communication OR Public Speaking	3
AHC 115	*Medical Terminology	3
ECON 2200 OR PSYC 1030	Principles of Microeconomics OR General Psychology	3
Total Hours		14-17

VET courses cannot be taken until Formal Acceptance into the Program. (If not accepted into the program, then continue taking courses from Math and Science Degree).

Spring I	Course	Hours
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
VET 101	*Introduction to Veterinary Technology – *Lecture and Lab*	3
VET 110	*Applied Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology – *Lecture and Lab*	4
VET 125	*Laboratory Animal Care – *Lecture and Lab*	3
Total Hours		13

Summer I	Course	Hours
PHIL 1040	Ethics	3
VET 130	*Pharmacology and Therapeutics	4
VET 150	*Clinical Practicum I – *Lecture and Clinical Rotations*	4
VET 210	*Veterinary Imaging	3
Total Hours		14

Fall II	Course	Hours
VET 205	*Microbiology for Vet Tech – *Lecture and Lab*	4
VET 215	*Small Animal Medical Nursing – *Lecture and Lab*	3
VET 230	*Veterinary Clinical Pathology – *Lecture and Lab*	3
VET 251	*Clinical Practicum II – *Lecture and Clinical Rotations*	4
Total Hours		14

Spring II	Course	Hours
VET 105	*Large Animal Medical Nursing – *Lecture and Lab*	3
VET 220	*Veterinary Anesthesia and Surgery – *Lecture and Lab*	4
VET 261	*Clinical Practicum III	4
VET 265	*VTNE Review	1
Total Hours		12
Credit Hour	Total for Program	70