TWO YEARS TO CAREER

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Registered Veterinary Technicians are integral to the animal health care teams. They work under the supervision of veterinarians to perform various types of tasks, including veterinary laboratory procedures, surgical and anesthesia assisting, digital imaging (including x-ray technology), dental procedures, medical nursing, emergency care, and veterinary office procedures. Potential career options include employment in private veterinary facilities, bio-medical research institutions, regulatory agencies, livestock operations, pharmaceutical companies, zoological parks, and the animal nutrition industry.

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REQUIRED COURSES FOR A.S. DEGREE IN VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES:		UNITS
BIOL C1001	Introduction to Biology	
& C1001L	Introduction to Biology Lab (VCCCD GE Area 5)	4
CHEM V101	Elementary Chemistry Or Higher Level Chemistry Course	5
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing (VCCCD GE Area 1a)	4
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics (VCCCD GE Area 2)	
or PSY V04	Introductory Statistics for the Social & Behavioral Sciences	4

YEAR 1: FALL		UNITS
AG V01	Agriculture & Society: Agriculture as a Foundation for Modern Civilization (VCCCD GE Area 3)	3
AG V61	Introduction to Animal Science	3
AG V62	Orientation to Veterinary Science	1
AG V63	Domestic Animal Care Experience & Handling	1.5
AG V66	Anatomy & Physiology of Animals	4

YEAR 1: SPRING		UNITS
AG V64	Veterinary Office Procedures	3
AG V65	Animal Health & Disease Control	3
AG V67	Basic Small Animal Nursing	3
AG V68	Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging	2
AG V96A	Veterinary Clinical Work Experience Education 1	1
Course from: VCCCD GE Area 1b, 6, or 7		3

YEAR 1: SUMMER		UNITS
MICRO V01	General Microbiology	4
Course from: VCCCD GE Area 1b, 6, or 7		3

YEAR 2: FALL		UNITS
AG V12	Agriculture Economics (VCCCD GE Area 4).	3
AG V69	Principles of Large Animal Nursing	3
AG V70	Advanced Small Animal Nursing	3
AG V71	Basic Veterinary Clinical Procedures	1.5
AG V75	Veterinary Microbiology, Parasitology, and Laboratory Procedures	3
AG V96B	Veterinary Clinical Work Experience Education 2	1

YEAR 2: SPRING		UNITS
AG V72	Advanced Veterinary Clinical Procedures	3
AG V73	Veterinary Dentistry	3
AG V74	Introduction to Laboratory Animal & Exotic Companion Animal Medicine	3
AG V96C	Veterinary Clinical Work Experience 3	1
Course from: VCCCD GE Area 1b, 6, or 7		3

YEAR 2: SUMMER		UNITS
AG V96D	Veterinary Clinical Work Experience Education 4	2

TOTAL UNITS: 81

Prerequisites = 17 Units	Required Major Units: 52
VCCCD General Education Units: 24	Double Counted Units: 12
Certificate of Achievement = 43.5 Units (Prerequisites + Year 1)	
A.S. Degree = 81 Units (Prerequisites + Year 1 & 2)	

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WORK-BASED EXPERIENCES

Ventura College offers students the opportunity to apply their skills while still in college, gain on-the-job experience, and "try out" a career before graduation through internships or work-based learning experiences.

COURSES ARE $46 PER UNIT.

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