



Veterinary Technology Program

Overview of Application & Admissions Process

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PROGRAM:

The Veterinary Technology Associate of Science Degree Program is a two-tiered, two-year pathway that begins with the Certificate of Achievement in Veterinary Assistant. Only students admitted into the program can enroll in program courses. Successful completion of the first-year veterinary technology program courses will allow the student to earn the certificate of achievement and move on to the associate degree program. The goal of this program is to prepare students for careers within the veterinary and animal care industries. The curriculum covers husbandry, handling, and medical care for dogs, cats, horses, cows, small ruminants, birds, and small exotic pet species such as rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, and reptiles.

Each entering student must provide proof of current tetanus toxoid vaccination (within 10 years) as well as proof of completion of Rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis series and current Rabies titer if applicable.

The Veterinary Technology Program is rigorous academic program. Students with questions about program are strongly encouraged to speak with one of the dedicated counselors: Maria Flores or Bea Zizumbo. Students may also attend an informational session about the program and its application process. Dates for these can be found on the Veterinary Technology Program webpage.

APPLICATION:

Application to the Veterinary Technology Program is a multistep process. Applications for the Fall cohort open January 20th and close on March 2nd.

Step 1: Meet all the Educational Requirements

Students must have successfully COMPLETED (not in progress) the following courses with a grade of "C" or higher prior to applying to the program.

Prerequisite courses include the following (or their equivalent):

- Stat C1000 Introduction to Statistics (or Psy V04)
- Engl C1000 Academic Reading and Writing
- Bio C1001 & C1001L Principles of Biology and Principles of Biology Lab,
- Chem V101 Elementary Chemistry

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Applicants must also demonstrate evidence of having a High School diploma or G.E.D.

Step 2: Complete Ventura College general admissions application

Students interested in applying to the Veterinary Technology program must first submit a general admissions application to Ventura College at www.venturacollege.edu/apply prior to completing the Veterinary Technology Program application.

Step 3: Complete Eligibility Form & Submit Transcripts

Prior to applying for admission to the first-year veterinary assistant certificate program, students must first submit an online eligibility form. A link to this form can be found on the Ventura College Veterinary Technology Program webpage.

This form documents completion of all required coursework, as well as receipt of a High School diploma or GED.

Students who have completed coursework outside of VCCCD must submit official transcripts to Admissions & Records. After receiving confirmation from VC A&R that your transcripts have been received, request official evaluation be completed by academic counselors.

Students who have completed all coursework within VCCCD do not need to send transcripts.

Program counselors will reach out if additional documentation or an in-person meeting is required at that time.

Meeting the requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program as space is limited in the small student cohort.

Step 4: Complete Online Veterinary Technology Application

Eligible students will be sent a link to complete the Veterinary Technology Program Online Application.

Students must complete the application in 1 sitting, so it is important to have all personal information prior to starting application. Due to limitation of mobile devices, it is strongly recommended that the application be completed on a computer.

Information needed includes:

- VCCCD student ID number & email
- Names of any previously completed AA, AS, BA or BS degrees including date of completion & educational institution
- Names of any previously completed Veterinary Assistant Certificate Program

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- Locations of previous animal care volunteer locations & hours/dates completed (Final date to accumulate work experience or volunteer hours is Jan 20th)
- Current & previous places of employment in the veterinary field as well as duties, dates employed, and number of hours worked
- Information about any unique life experience or special circumstances such as
 - Veteran
 - Refugee Status
 - Disabilities (as defined in Section of 2626 of unemployment insurance code)
 - Low family income, disadvantaged social or education environment
 - First Generation to attend college
 - Other special life circumstances
 - Proficiency in Another Language
- Supporting documentation may be required for some of the above
 - Form DD 214, Honorable Release or Discharge
 - Documentation or USCIS Letter
 - Letter or form from a college Learning Disability Program or Disability Support Programs & Services (as described in Title 5) documenting the student's participation or eligibility
 - Brief statement explaining difficult personal and/or family situation or circumstance

Applicants are also required to submit a Personal Statement. A personal statement should include additional details about your education, work experience, life experiences, or career aspirations that you would like the admissions committee to consider when evaluating your application. Please be sure to include the reasons you wish to pursue a degree in Veterinary Technology and provide information that demonstrates an understanding of the role a Veterinary Technician plays in the veterinary field. The Rubric below will be used to assess student's submissions.

Essay Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Ratings			Points
Goals for RVT	5 Student describes clear ideas about personal reasons for pursuing RVT	3 Student describes general ideas about personal reasons for pursuing RVT	1 Student does not describe personal reasons for pursuing RVT	

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Understanding of RVT Role	5 Student demonstrates strong knowledge of the roles & responsibilities of an RVT	3 Student demonstrates moderate knowledge of the roles & responsibilities of an RVT	1 Student demonstrates minimal knowledge of the roles & responsibilities of an RVT	
Demonstration of perseverance	5 Student describes strong willingness to overcome obstacles to achieve RVT	3 Student describes willingness to overcome obstacles to achieve RVT	1 Student fails to describe how they will overcome obstacles to achieve RVT	
Clarity, Grammar & Spelling	5 Clear & concise with no to minimal grammar or spelling errors	3 Relatively clear & concise with occasional grammar or spelling errors	1 Lacking in clarity and/or numerous grammars or spelling errors	
Total:				

ADMISSION:

Once an application is submitted, it will be assessed using a multicriteria screening process. The 24 applicants with the highest scores will be admitted into the following year's cohort.

Explanation of Multicriteria Screening Process

Criteria	Possible Points	Required Documentation
Academic Degrees	10 max	Students who have completed coursework outside of VCCCD must submit official transcripts to Admissions & Records. After receiving confirmation from VC A&R that your transcripts have been received, request official evaluation be completed by academic counselors.
BA/BS degree or higher Yes/No	10	
AS/AA degree Yes/No	5	



Grade Point Average Prerequisite Courses 3.5 - 4.0 3.0 - 3.49 2.5 - 2.99	20 max 20 15 5	Students who have completed coursework outside of VCCCD must submit official transcripts to Admissions & Records. After receiving confirmation from VC A&R that your transcripts have been received, request official evaluation be completed by academic counselors.
Veterinary Work Experience Work Experience In Veterinary Setting: FT Assistant Over 4 years FT Assistant 2-3 years FT Assistant 1 year or less Client Services/Part-Time OR Volunteer Experience working with animals or completion of Vet Assistant certificate: Over 750 hours 350 - 749 hours 100 - 349 hours Certificate Completion	40 max 40 30 20 10 20 10 5 5	(May only be eligible for work experience OR volunteer experience, NOT both) (*FT = Full time: >30 hours per week) On application must include: • Practice Name & Supervisor Name • Employment start & end date • Average number of hours worked per week • Job Title & Duties performed OR For volunteer experience on application must include: • Name of organization & Supervisor Name • Volunteer start & end date • Total number of volunteer hours • Examples of duties performed For veterinary certificate program on application must include: • Name of institution • Certificate Program Title • Date achieved
Repeat Applicant	5 max	If we have record that you have previously applied to the Ventura College Veterinary Technology and were placed on the wait list within the past 3 application periods.



Life Experiences or Special Circumstances	5 max	May receive 5 points if you meet the criteria for any one of the following categories. Provide supporting documentation for only one category if more than one applies to you.
Veteran		Form DD 214, Honorable Release or Discharge
Refugee Status		Documentation or USCIS Letter
Disabilities (as defined in Section of 2626 of unemployment insurance code)		Letter or form from a college Learning Disability Program or Disability Support Programs & Services (as described in Title 5) documenting the student's participation or eligibility
Low family income, disadvantaged social or education environment		Proof of eligibility or receipt of financial aid. (Note: Do not attach to your application – college will verify with Financial Aid)
First Generation to attend college		Self-certify on application attesting you are first generation to attend college
Other		Brief statement explaining difficult personal and/or family situation or circumstance
Proficiency in Another Language	5 max	Self-certify on application attesting you are fluent in a language other than English.
Personal Statement (Rubric Provided)	20 max	Personal statement that provides additional details about your education, work experience, life experience or career aspirations that you would like the admissions committee to consider when evaluating your application. 300-word limit.

Students will be notified of status by March 23rd and if selected must confirm acceptance by March 30th.

Accepted students will be required to attend an orientation prior to the start of the Fall semester and complete additional admissions paperwork.