INFORMATION SESSION: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Aside from the observation form, are any other signatures required for the application?

A: *The only signatures required for the veterinary technology program are (1) the applicant's signature, and (2) the signature of a veterinary technician or veterinarian from the veterinary practice where the observation hours were completed.*

Q: Do I need to meet with a counselor before the application deadline?

A: *You only need to schedule a meeting with Maria Flores or Beatriz Zizumbo before the application deadline. The counselors will verify if they have met with you or scheduled an appointment.*

Q: How does the waitlist work?

A: *The program can only accept 24 students for each cohort. The waitlist is generated every year. If you were in last year's waitlist, you must reapply this year. The purpose of the waitlist is to provide an opportunity for those who are not initially selected to be able to join the program if an admitted student decides not to join the program. Those on the waitlist will be contacted in their order on the waitlist as space becomes available. Those on the waitlist who are not contacted by the start of the Fall semester will need to reapply the following year.*

Q: If admitted to the program, when will the program start?

A: *The program will start in August 2023. There will be a mandatory program orientation prior to the start of the program. Admitted students who do not attend the mandatory program orientation and/or do not submit required documents may lose their place in the program.*

Q: Do you accept classes from high school?

A: *Because the program is accredited, we do not articulate high school veterinary courses. However, dual enrollment courses and AP exams may meet the general education requirements. You would need to consult with one of our academic counselors.*

Q: If a student is not accepted or on the waitlist, what courses do you recommend students take?

A: *We recommend that students complete Math V44, Chemistry V20/V20L, Biology V01/ V01L, English V01A, or other general education courses.*

Q: Once accepted, what happens if you do not pass an AG class within the semester?

A: *There is an option to rejoin the program once if there is room. If a student does not pass an AG veterinary technology course or the required prerequisites (Math V44, Biology V01/V01L, Chemistry V20/V20L) during your first year, the student will need to reapply to be part of the program. If a student does not pass an AG veterinary technology course in the second year, the student may rejoin the next year's cohort if there is room.*

Q: What is your success rate?

A: *We are a new program and our first cohort just graduated in December. They will be taking the VTNE in late March. VTNE success rates will be posted on our website once they are available.*

We are committed to our students' success and we provide supports to help students succeed. We use a cohort model to assure that students have the veterinary technology courses when you need them and that they complete within two and a half years. We also provide test preparation workshops and a veterinary technology test preparation software to help students pass the VTNE.

Q: How are classes offered?

A: *Currently, the AG veterinary technology classes are all scheduled between 8 am to 4pm. Historically, we have only had classes Monday through Thursday. Most of our courses are hybrid with in-person meetings and online portion. We try to have students on campus not more than two days per week to allow students to take general education courses and/or work.*

Q: Are all of the AG classes at VCEC?

A: *All the AG veterinary technology courses will be offered at VCEC. Make sure you speak with the veterinary technology counselors, Maria Flores or Beatriz Zizumbo to plan your schedule.*

We highly recommend that you apply for admission early so that you can get your registration appointments. We highly recommend that you register early for the general education courses.

Q: Is there a cost to apply to Ventura College and/or the veterinary technology program?

A: *There is no cost to apply to Ventura College or the veterinary technology program.*

Q: If you have taken general education courses, do you need to have taken them within a certain number of years?

A: *The college does not have a recency limit for previously completed general education courses.*

Q: If you are a current student at Ventura, Moorpark or Oxnard colleges do you need to resubmit an application to Ventura College?

A: *If you are a current student or have taken courses within the last academic year you do not need to resubmit an application to Ventura College. You will just need to submit the Veterinary Technology Application. If you are unsure, contact Admissions and Records to see if you are in current standing.*

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