



**Ventura College**  
**Veterinary Technology Program**  
**Application Changes FAQ's**

Beginning **Fall 2027**, the Veterinary Technology Program at Ventura College will be transitioning to a multicriteria screening process for admission from lottery system currently in use.

The following are some frequently asked questions about these updates.

**Q:** What is multicriteria screening?

**A:** Multicriteria screening in admissions is a structured decision-making process that involves the use of multiple rated criteria to determine an applicant's eligibility for admission into the program. Points are given to specific criteria and totaled, giving each applicant a score. Applicants with the highest scores will be admitted into the program, up to 24 students per Cohort.

**Q:** What criteria will be used in this process?

**A:** While our application updates have not been finalized, the following are some of the criteria that may be used:

- GPA
- Previous BS/BA or AS/AA
- Previous work experience or volunteer experience in the veterinary or animal care related fields
- Special life circumstances

**Q:** When will these updates be finalized and how can I learn more about them?

**A:** The application updates are scheduled to be finalized late March or early April 2026. Once completed they will be posted on the Ventura College Veterinary Technology website. They will not affect the Fall 2026 cohort application process.



**Q:** Why were these changes made?

**A:** The applicant pool for the veterinary technology program routinely exceeds the number of places in the yearly Cohort. Multicriteria screening is a method to fairly sort applicants while ensuring our students have an aptitude for the field of veterinary technology.

**Q:** Will the application time frame still be the same?

**A:** Yes, applications for the Veterinary Technology Program will still open February of each year for admission into the following Fall Cohort.

**Q:** Will current observation hours still be required on the application?

**A:** While previous work or volunteer experience will be part of the screening criteria, observation hours will not be required. Previous work or volunteer experience in the veterinary or animal care related fields will, however, increase an applicant's admission score.

**Q:** Are there any changes to the prerequisite courses?

**A:** No, all prerequisite courses including Chemistry, Biology, English and Statistics remain the same. Please note that due to changes in common core labeling of courses, the course titles are now:

- Introduction to Biology & Introduction to Biology Lab – BIO C110 & V01L
- Elementary Chemistry - CHEM V101
- Academic Reading and Writing -ENGL C1000
- Introduction to Statistics – STAT C100 (or Introductory Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences – PSY V04)