

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 <u>National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America</u> (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 <u>The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges</u> (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 <u>Veterinary Assistant Program</u>.

Sncerely,

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- 1. Admission to the College (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
  - a. Pass with a grade of Cor better by the end of fall semester in which you apply
- 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

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

All applicants that have completed the above steps will be invited to interview. Interviews will be held the week of Finals in December.6cationals in 26012 0.3750.4 RG(F)e/9rview. Interviews will be heldiD 84ntenals in 26012 0.3755m5i26012

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Short Essay Why you want to be a Vet Tech			
All non-Vol State College Transcripts submitted to Admissions Office			
Reference Letter 1			

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The veterinary technology field is both intellectually and physically challenging. VSOC does not discriminate against students with disabilities and provides access to its programs and services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act/Amendments Act (ADA/AA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. However, all students must meet the essential skills and technical standards to perform functions required of the veterinary technician program and veterinary profession, with or without reasonable accommodations.

## Students must:

Be physically able to tolerate walking and standing for at least 10 minutes at a time, multiple times per hour Be physically able to lift and/or carry up to 50 pounds from floor to waist level or higher at least several times per day

Be physically able to handle, position and restrain live small and large animals Possess fine motor movements in order to perform the essential skills of the profession

 Examples include: dexterity to manipulate small equipment, adjust resistance on equipment, hold hooves while cleaning and evaluating, manage syringes, catheters, and common surgical instruments
 Possess tactile ability necessary for physical assessment and to perform nursing duties in a timely manner

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