

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology

Center for Health Sciences at Lowry

Veterinary Technicians are paraprofessional members of a veterinary team, assisting a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Veterinary Technicians perform a variety of tasks, including preparing examination rooms and surgery suites, holding and restraining animals during the exam and/or treatment, collecting specimens, performing routine laboratory procedures, taking diagnostic X-rays, administering medication or treatments, assisting in surgery, performing office skills, maintaining inventory of supplies and assisting with client education.

Career opportunities for Veterinary Technicians are available in a variety of settings, including private veterinary practices, research laboratories, kennels, zoos, and local, state and federal agencies. These experiences can lead to other job opportunities such as sales, animal hospital administration, teaching in a Veterinary Technology program and animal advocacy.

This is a full-time 5 semester program that is a blend of academic and clinical coursework that requires attention to detail, motivation and the ability to complete tasks within a specified time frame. The students of Community College of Denver Veterinary Technology Program are encouraged to be self-directed in their learning and to establish high standards of professional and personal excellence.

Graduates are eligible to take the Veterinary Technician National Examination and have been able to rapidly find placement in the veterinary health care community. Community College of Denver Veterinary Technology program is one of only two Community College of Colorado programs located in the Denver Metro area offering an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology.

Community College of Denver offers one of the most respected Veterinary Technology programs in the state.

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Prerequisites

BIO 111	General College Biology I with Lab: GT-SC1	5
Or a General Biology with Lab		
ENG 121	English Composition I : GT-CO1	3
Or ENG 131: Technical Writing I		
MAT 103	Math for Clinical Calculations	3
Total Credits		11

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
VET 102	Veterinary Medical Terminology	1
VET 108	Introduction to Laboratory Procedures	3
VET 116	Humane Treatment and Handling of Animals	3
VET 120	Office Procedures and Relations	2
VET 205	Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology I	4
Subtotal		13
Second Semester		
VET 106	Exotic Animal Handling	2
VET 115	Surgical Nursing	2
VET 172	First Year Clinical Rotation	1
VET 182	Internship	2
VET 223	Introduction to Anesthesia	1
VET 206	Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology II	4
VET 224	Pharmacology for Veterinary Technicians	3
Subtotal		15
Third Semester		
COM 115	Public Speaking	3

PSY 101	General Psychology I: GT-SS3	3
Or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3		
VET 134	Diagnostic Imaging	2
VET 187	Cooperative Education: Diagnostic Imaging	1
Subtotal		9
Fourth Semester		
VET 225	Anesthesiology	3
VET 227	Animal Nutrition	2
VET 241	Clinical Laboratory Procedures	4
VET 281	Internship II	3
Subtotal		12
Fifth Semester		
VET 232	Veterinary Dentistry	1
VET 240	Veterinary Medicine and Surgery	4
VET 242	Veterinary Critical Care	2
VET 243	Veterinary Diagnostic Microbiology	3
VET 250	Clinical Competency Evaluation	1
VET 282	Internship III	4
Subtotal		15
Total Credits		64

Certificate in Veterinary Technology Assistant

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Veterinary Technology Assistant Certificate

The Veterinary Technician Assistant Certificate program provides training in veterinary health and handling of a variety of domestic and exotic species, with the focus on tasks for assisting the Veterinary Technician and Veterinarians. Veterinary Technician Assistants do not diagnose animal illnesses, prescribe treatment, or perform surgery. This is a 15-week program that provides an introduction to the field of veterinary medicine, but is not intended to provide admission to a college of veterinary medicine.

Admission Requirements

1. Completion of a high school diploma or GED
2. Achievement of indicated assessment scores or completion of preparatory course work.

Students must be admitted to the Veterinary Technician Assistant program in order to take the curriculum courses as shown below.

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All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to graduation.

Program Requirements

VET 101	Career Development Animals	2
VET 102	Veterinary Medical Terminology	1
VET 103	Veterinary Assistant Restraint and Handling	2
VET 113	Vet Assist Surgical & Nursing Care	3
VET 114	Vet Assist Lab & Clinical Procedures	3
VET 120	Office Procedures and Relations	2
VET 183	Internship	3
Total Credits		16

See gainful employment information for this certificate.

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