

GUIDED PATHWAY: SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSISTING CERTIFICATE (On Campus Program)

HEALTH SCIENCES CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Veterinary Technology webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/VetTech) [www.dcccd.edu/VetTech] and your academic advisor at the Cedar Valley Campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Veterinary Technology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a Small Animal Veterinary Assisting Certificate.

The Small Animal Veterinary Assisting Certificate introduces students to the field of veterinary technology. The program is designed to prepare the graduate to assist with medical care of dogs and cats, adhere to regulatory and legal requirements of veterinary practice, and meet nutritional, housing and sanitation needs of animals in a hospital or kennel facility. Graduates may work in veterinary hospitals, animal shelters or kennel and boarding facilities, and students who successfully complete the Small Animal Veterinary Assisting Certificate can apply all classes to the A.A.S. degree in Veterinary Technology. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

Students must apply and be accepted into the Veterinary Technology program before enrolling in any courses offered by the Veterinary Technology department. See ACTION ITEMS for additional information about application dates.

Students may complete the Small Animal Veterinary Assisting Certificate through the on campus or distance learning programs but should not attempt to complete the certificate with a mix of on campus and online courses. Please meet with an advisor to help you decide whether on campus or distance learning instruction will work best for you.

Courses that complete the Small Animal Assisting Certificate are noted below. **A grade of "C" or better is required for all courses.**

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Level I Certificate	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	May be Exempt	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 20 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

PREREQUISITES

Only students who have applied and been accepted into the Veterinary Technology program may enroll in courses offered through the Veterinary Technology Department. See ACTION ITEMS for more information and application due dates.

SEMESTER 1

Total Hours: 11

- [ENGL 1301](#) – Composition I *This is a Core course.*
- [MATH 1314](#) – College Algebra* *This is a Core course.*
- [VTHT 2321](#) – Veterinary Parasitology
- [VTHT 1217](#) – Veterinary Office Management

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with an advisor to confirm academic and career goals by the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
3. Meet with an advisor to discuss on campus and distance learning programs and choose preferred option
4. On campus students apply for admission to the Small Animal Assisting program by June 1 to begin in Fall Semester, or November 1 to begin in Spring Semester.

SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 9

BIOL 1406 – Biology for Science Majors I *This is a Core course.*

VTHT 1301 – Introduction to Veterinary Technology

VTHT 2201 – Canine and Feline Clinical Management

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to apply for the Small Animal Veterinary Assisting Certificate.
2. If interested, also discuss remaining program course requirements, admissions, and applications for the AAS completion.

PATHWAY TOTAL: 20 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS