

GUIDED PATHWAY: LARGE 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 Large Animal Veterinary Assisting Certificate. Courses from this certificate may apply to the related A.A.S. degree. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

The Large Animal Veterinary Assisting program is designed to provide the graduate with the information, experience, and skills needed to perform all large animal veterinary assistant duties in a clinical practice or research setting. Admission to the Large Animal Veterinary Assisting certificate program is limited.

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 Large 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 Large Animal 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	2021-2022	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

SEMESTER 1	Total Hours: 8
ENGL 1301 – Composition I <i>This is a Core course.</i> VTHT 1301 – Introduction to Veterinary Technology VTHT 2205 – Equine Clinical Management	

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 Large 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 2209](#) – Food Animal Clinical Management

[VTHT 1321](#) – Equine Reproduction

SEMESTER 3**Total Hours: 3**

[VTHT 2325](#) – Large Animal Assisting Techniques

SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

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

PATHWAY TOTAL: 20 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS