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Distance Education Veterinary Technology

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**Veterinary Technology**

**Distance Learning**

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# Program Summary and Accreditation

Veterinary Technicians assist veterinarians with caring for animals. Some of the job responsibilities may include administering vaccines and medications, diagnostic laboratory and radiology procedures, cleaning and sterilizing equipment, preparing animals for surgery, monitoring animals under anesthesia and nursing care of ill and injured animals.

Veterinary Technicians can work as part of a team at animal hospitals, equine and livestock operations, zoos and wildlife facilities, diagnostic laboratories, medical research institutions, and teaching programs.

Dallas College offers an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and certificate courses through distance education. The distance education program requires all applicants to begin with the Veterinary Assisting Certificate. Students who successfully complete Veterinary Assisting classes and prerequisites for the AAS with a C or are then eligible to move into the AAS program. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the national and state exams required to become a credentialed Veterinary Technician. Depending on the student’s state of residence, certifications are Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT), Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT), or Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT).

Since 1978, Dallas College Veterinary Technology program has been accredited through the [American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)](https://www.avma.org/). Since 1998, The program has partnered with the [American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)](https://www.aaha.org/) to offer the [distance education component](https://www.dallascollege.edu/cd/credit/vet-tech/pages/get-started.aspx) of the Veterinary Technology program.

This information packet contains **specific application guidelines and requirements.** Submission of application materials verifies that an individual has:**1) read the packet thoroughly; 2) obtained all necessary documents from designated website addresses;** and **3) understood the policies and procedures for application and acceptance to the program.**

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**Equal Educational Opportunity**

Educational opportunities are offered by Dallas College without regard to race, color,

religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

**\*Students must commit to the on-campus program or distance education program. If necessary, changing from one modality to the other can be done on a case-by-case basis. However, the change can put a student’s graduation off by one or more semesters.**

# A. Veterinary Technology Application Checklist

This checklist is organized toward an applicant just beginning their college experience. Some items may not be applicable if you have previous college credits.

1. \_\_\_\_Download and read through the Veterinary Technology [program information packet](https://www.dallascollege.edu/cd/credit/pages/ecc-health-packets-sessions.aspx).
2. \_\_\_\_If you have questions about the program, email [AskSOHS@dallascollege.edu](mailto:asksohs@dallascollege.edu?subject=Questions%20about%20a%20health%20program).
3. *\_\_\_\_*Complete an [application for college admission](https://www.applytexas.org/), if not already a Dallas College student or have been out longer than one year. Within a few days you will get a student ID#.
4. \_\_\_\_If under 22, you must submit proof of immunization for bacterial meningitis (recommended) OR a [100% Distance Learning Affidavit for bacterial meningitis.](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/generalinfo/admissassessadvenroll/bac_men_100_dlaffidavit_Jan2014.pdf)
5. \_\_\_\_Submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities to [studenttranscripts@dallascollege.edu](mailto:studenttranscripts@dallascollege.edu) or to Dallas College, Attn: Admissions Processing, 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150.
6. \_\_\_\_All distance learning students begin with the Veterinary Assisting Certificate as the program of study. Eligibility for registration and financial aid requires selecting the correct program of study. If students need assistance in selecting their program of study, see a [Success Coach](https://www.dallascollege.edu/resources/success-coaching/pages/default.aspx) (advisor) as needed. Success Coaches are available virtually and by phone Monday-Friday from 8AM-12AM Central Daylight Time. The program of study must be selected before the student can be enrolled in Veterinary Technology classes.
7. \_\_\_\_If desired, request an [Educational Plan](https://www.dallascollege.edu/cd/credit/pages/ecc-health-resources.aspx) for evaluation of external credit course work that applies to the Veterinary Technology curriculum.
8. \_\_\_\_ Complete the [online application for the distance education veterinary technology program](https://www.dallascollege.edu/VetTechDEVTP). Students must submit the application before the [filing deadline](#_D._Application_Filing) to ensure eligibility for registration in the upcoming semester
9. \_\_\_\_ You will be notified of your admission status within 2 weeks. If you are admitted, you will receive additional documents by email that must be signed and submitted before you may register. If you have not received an email within 2 weeks, please contact our department office at cvcvettech@dallascollege.edu.
10. \_\_\_\_ Students will receive registration materials for veterinary technology classes by email after all required admission documents have been submitted. Registration for veterinary technology classes must be submitted through the veterinary technology department. Students may register for general education classes through eConnect.

# B. General Admission Requirements to the College

Applicants to the Veterinary Technology program must meet all [college admission requirements](https://www.dallascollege.edu/admissions/pages/default.aspx) as outlined in the [official college catalog](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/collection.cfm?loc=DCCCD).

Applicants must have earned either a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) in addition to complying with Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements before they will be eligible to apply to the program. Additionally, students must be at least eighteen before beginning the AAS program. Students should consult Success Coach/advising office to determine their TSI status prior to application to a Health Sciences program.

## Official College Transcripts

Prior to application to the Veterinary Technology program, potential applicants must have submitted ***official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities the applicant has attended whether the coursework is or is not relevant to the program application***. Transcripts from Dallas College (formerly Dallas County Community College District) campuses are not required.

The transcripts must be current with the **print date no earlier than three years** prior to the applicant’s anticipated admission to the program unless the student has not had a break in enrollment with Dallas College since the transcripts were originally submitted. If the official transcripts have not been submitted, the individual’s application will be void.

Official transcripts must be sent electronically from the applicant’s previous colleges to [studenttranscripts@dallascollege.edu](mailto:studenttranscripts@dallascollege.edu). Transcripts sent by the applicant in PDF or other formats will not accepted. Transcripts may also be mailed from a college in a sealed envelope to Dallas College, Attn: Admissions Processing, 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150.

## Initial Advisement

Students who are beginning college for the first time will follow the [Steps to Enrollment](https://www.dallascollege.edu/admissions/pages/new-credit-students.aspx) which will guide them from applying the college system to placement testing, selecting a degree plan, contacting a Success Coach, and enrolling in basic courses.

Students starting the Distance Education Veterinary Technology Program should select Veterinary Assisting as their Program of Study. Eligibility for registration and financial aid requires selecting the correct program of study Students may contact their Success Coach for assistance selecting their program of study.

# C. Previous coursework evaluation toward Veterinary Technology

Official transcripts are fully evaluated by the Dallas College Transcript Evaluation Center after a student has been enrolled for at least one regular semester. However, students can request an Educational Plan, an evaluation of their previous coursework toward a Health Sciences program. The [Educational Plan](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U1R-1i9z3EqUpEiI8tl9XR-JTZXG4gtGtI5xwkPieuFUOFdER1BQS1k5TU02R09FQTU0WFVDTEJQWSQlQCN0PWcu) is a preliminary, unofficial degree plan for advisement purposes and only reflects specific courses toward a health sciences program. Educational Plans are optional and are not required for application to a health sciences program. They are usually completed within 4-8 weeks. An Educational Plan should be requested at least one semester prior to a program application filing deadline if possible.

The School of Health Sciences and the Veterinary Technology Office reserve the right to accept or reject any coursework completed at other colleges presented for transfer evaluation toward a Health Science program.

## Five-Year Time Limit for Select Courses

**Certain science-based courses must be complete within five years of the anticipated program start date.** BIOL 1406 completed in Spring 2020 is valid for application to the Spring 2025 program applications. However, if the course was completed in Fall 2019 or earlier, the course will have exceeded the five-year limit. The Veterinary Technology program will accept waivers for the 5-year time limit on a case-by-case basis. Students should plan to complete all Veterinary Technology classes within 5 years. Students will need to repeat any Veterinary Technology classes completed more than 5 years prior to the anticipated date of graduation.

## Credit by Examination, CLEP and Advanced Placement Credit

Credit through CLEP, High School Advanced Placement (AP) Exams and Credit by Examination may be awarded for a limited number of courses toward Health Sciences programs including MATH 1314, PSYC 2301, Humanities, and PSYC 2314. CLEP credit will not be awarded for ENGL 1301. Advanced Placement (“AP”) credit for ENGL 1301, PSYC 2301, and MATH 1314 is acceptable if the credit appears on a college transcript as ENGL 1301, PSYC 2301, and MATH 1314 equivalency. A letter grade will not be awarded for “AP” credit.

**Note:** **An applicant may present credit by exam, CLEP, or “AP” credit for any of the prerequisite courses or support courses. Credit will be acknowledged, but not calculated with the grade point average.**

## Coursework from Institutions Outside of the United States

Some credits may be restricted or disallowed from colleges or universities outside the United States.[International Coursework Evaluation](https://www.dallascollege.edu/cd/credit/pages/ecc-health-resources.aspx) is a multi-step process which may take several weeks. **The student must be enrolled in credit classes at a Dallas College campus before the evaluation process can be initiated.**

# D. Application Filing Period

The application period is open year-round. Students can start in either fall, spring, or summer.

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| Semester | Application Dates |
| Fall | June 1 - August 1 |
| Spring | October 1 - January 1 |
| Summer | February 1 - May 1 |

# E. Admission and Notification of Acceptance

Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing to be eligible dor admission. Students are typically notified of admission status to the DEVTP program within 2 weeks after the application is submitted. Students applying after the application deadline may not be eligible for registration in the upcoming semester.

Application materials are not “held over” to the next application filing period. Students who are not selected for admission to the program or students who decline their acceptance may reapply again during the next filing period to be considered for a future admission opportunity.

# F. Veterinary Assisting Certificate

All students in the distance education program begin with the Veterinary Assisting Certificate. All classes completed in the certificate program apply to the AAS degree, and completing the Veterinary Assisting Certificate does not alter the time to complete the AAS degree. Employment in a veterinary hospital is recommended but not required for classes in the Veterinary Assisting

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| Semester 1 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| BIOL 1406 | Biology for Science Majors | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| VTHT 1301 | Introduction to Veterinary Technology | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 1217 | Veterinary Office Management | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Subtotal | | **10** | **2** | **12** |

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|  | Semester 2 |  |  |  |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| Elective | MATH Elective\* | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| VTHT 2201 | Canine and Feline Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 2321 | Veterinary Parasitology\* | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 8 | 2 | 8 |

+Mathematics Elective - must be selected from the [AAS Core Options for Mathematics](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/ss/transfer/ct-core.cfm#mathematics).

**\*Note: all courses in the certificate MUST be completed with a grade of C or better**

# G. Transition to AAS Program

Most classes in the AAS Distance Learning Veterinary Technology program (DEVTP) require the student to be employed, and work in a veterinary hospital, approved as an Off Campus Clinical Instruction (OCCI) site. Students work under the supervision of a preceptor.

* Preceptors function as an in-house mentor to assist, tutor, and provide feedback to the student.
* Preceptors are responsible for verifying that students have completed exercises, assignments, and examinations.
* Preceptors must be licensed veterinarians or credentialed technicians designated as RVT, LVT, or CVT.
* Preceptors will spend one -two hours a week assisting the DEVTP students with coursework.

Students are advised to obtain Rabies Pre-exposure Vaccination and find employment in a Veterinary Hospital before or during the first or second semester of the program to avoid delays in their studies. Students who have completed prerequisites for AAS classes and maintained a 2.0 GPA in the certificate program are eligible to move into the AAS program.

# H. Curriculum Overview Veterinary Technology

Once a student has begun the AAS program, they may change their program of study to the Veterinary Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS). Students enrolled full time may complete the program in just 2 years, as shown in the curriculum overview, but many students in the distance education program are working full time and choose a part time school schedule leading to graduation over 3 years. Our registration team can help students plan their schedule each semester to stay on track for graduation, whether they choose a full time or part time school schedule.

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| Semester 1- Veterinary Assisting | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| BIOL 1406 | Biology for Science Majors | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| VTHT 1301 | Introduction to Veterinary Technology | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 1217 | Veterinary Office Management | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Subtotal | | **10** | **2** | **12** |

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| Semester 2- Veterinary Assisting | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| +Elective | MATH Elective | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| VTHT 2201 | Canine and Feline Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 2321 | Veterinary Parasitology | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 1413 | Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Subtotal | | 10 | 3 | 12 |

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| Semester 3 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| VTHT 2223 | Veterinary Clinical Pathology 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 2205 | Equine Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Subtotal | | 4 | 2 | 4 |

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| Semester 4 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| ++Elective | Social/Behavioral Science Elective | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| VTHT 2209 | Food Animal Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 1349 | Veterinary Pharmacology | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 1345 | Veterinary Radiology | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 10 | 3 | 11 |

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| Semester 5 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| +++Elective | Humanities/Fine Arts Elective | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| VTHT 2331 | Veterinary Clinical Pathology II | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 1341 | Anesthesia & Surgical Assistance | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 2439 | Veterinary Nursing Care | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Subtotal | | 10 | 3 | 13 |

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| Semester 6 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| VTHT 2325 | Large Animal Assisting Techniques | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 2213 | Lab Animal Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 2380 | Cooperative Education -Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician & Veterinary Assistant | 1 | 15\* | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 5 | 17\* | 8 |
| Program Total | **Minimum Hours Required** | **60** | | |

+MATH Elective- must be selected from the [AAS Core Options for Mathematics](https://catalog.dallascollege.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=692)

++Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective - must be selected from the [AAS Core Options for Social/Behavioral Sciences](https://catalog.dallascollege.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=692)

+++Humanities/Fine Arts Elective- must be selected from the [AAS Core Options for Humanities/Fine Arts](https://catalog.dallascollege.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=692)

\*VTHT 2380 has 15 external learning/clinical hours in lieu of lab hours

# I. General Information

1. This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Distance Learning Veterinary Technology AAS. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.
2. All students must apply to be accepted into the Veterinary Technology program before enrolling in any of the Veterinary Technology courses.
3. Students must be TSI met to earn the AAS degree.
4. Criteria for admissions includes prerequisites and GPA.
5. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official degree requirements](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/degree.cfm?degree=aas.veterinary.tech&loc=DCCCD)
6. A grade of “C” or better is required for all courses.
7. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national and state exams required to become a Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT).
8. Individuals who were first-time college first-year students in Fall 2007 or after are subject to

the guidelines of section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code which prohibits a student from

dropping more than six (6) college level credit courses during their entire undergraduate

career. See [Six-Drop Rule for more information.](https://district.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1148/~/six-course-drop-rule)

1. ​​​​​As of Fall 2005, Dallas College will charge a higher tuition rate to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. All third and subsequent attempts of t of the credit and Continuing Education/Workforce Training courses will result in higher tuition to be charged. [See Third Attempt to enroll in a course for more information.](https://www.dallascollege.edu/paying-for-college/cost-tuition/third-course-attempt/pages/default.aspx)

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| Veterinary Technology Distance Learning Contact Information Speaker phone with solid fill972-860-8253 Email with solid fill [cvcvettech@dallascollege.edu](mailto:cvcvettech@dallascollege.edu) |

# J. Estimated Expenses for the Veterinary Technology

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| Semester 1 – Veterinary Assisting | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $1188 | $2028 | $3000 |
| Subtotal | $1188 | $2028 | $3000 |

\*Tuition includes textbooks but does not cover cost of medical uniforms or equipment.

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| Semester 2- Veterinary Assisting | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $1188 | $2028 | $3000 |
| Subtotal | $1188 | $2028 | $3000 |

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| Semester 3 | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $396 | $676 | $1000 |
| Subtotal | $396 | $676 | $1000 |

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| Semester 4 | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $1099 | $1859 | $2750 |
| Subtotal | $1099 | $1859 | $2750 |

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| Semester 5 | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $1287 | $2197 | $3250 |
| Subtotal | $1287 | $2197 | $3250 |

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| Semester 6 | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $792 | $1352 | $2000 |
| Subtotal | $792 | $1352 | $2000 |
| Program Total | $5940 | $10,140 | $15,000 |