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On-CaMPUS Veterinary Technology

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**On-Campus**

**Veterinary Technology**

**Revised for Spring 2025**

# 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) in Veterinary Technology, a Veterinary Assisting Certificate and an Equine Clinical Skills Enhanced Skills Certificate. Graduate of the AAS program are eligible to take the national and state exams required to become a Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT) in Texas.

Students enrolled in the on-campus program take all veterinary technology classes on the Cedar Valley Campus. Students who prefer online instruction should refer to the Distance Education Veterinary Technology Program.

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.

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**\*Students must commit to the on-campus program or distance learning 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, be sure to [submit proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination.](https://www.dallascollege.edu/admissions/application/pages/meningitis.aspx)
5. \_\_\_\_Submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities to [studenttranscripts@dallascollege.edu](mailto:studenttranscripts@dallascollege.edu) or to Dallas College, Attention: Admissions Processing, 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150.
6. \_\_\_\_See a [Success Coach](https://www.dallascollege.edu/resources/success-coaching/pages/default.aspx) (advisor) as needed for TSI counseling, placement testing, etc., and complete any developmental courses as may be determined from the test scores.
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. \_\_\_\_Students applying to begin the on campus Veterinary Technology AAS program in the fall semester should complete the following prerequisites no later than the previous spring semester:
   1. \_\_\_\_ENGL-1301
   2. \_\_\_\_BIOL 1406

Students who have not completed these prerequisites may apply to the Veterinary Assisting Certificate. All classes in the certificate program apply to the AAS degree.

1. \_\_\_\_If time allows, complete any Veterinary Technology support courses.
2. \_\_\_\_[College Mathematics Elective](https://catalog.dallascollege.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=692)
3. \_\_\_\_[Humanities/Fine Arts Elective](https://catalog.dallascollege.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=692)
4. \_\_\_\_[Social/Behavior Science Elective](https://catalog.dallascollege.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=692)
5. \_\_\_\_Complete the [application for the on-campus Veterinary Technology program](https://www.dallascollege.edu/VetTechOnCampus) during the application period between **February 1 - May 1.**
6. \_\_\_\_Within two weeks of submitting your application for the Veterinary Technology program, you will be emailed additional documents that must be signed and submitted to complete your application packet. If you have not received an email within 2 weeks, please contact our department office at [cvcvt@dallascollege.edu](mailto:cvcvt@dallascollege.edu).
7. All application materials must be submitted by the [application filing deadline](#_F._Application_Filing).
8. Students will receive notice of admissions between **June 1 - June 15**. Students admitted into the program will receive information about orientation and registration in July.

# 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 18 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 voided.

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 are 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.

A student who has not completed college coursework should request a general Associate of Science Degree plan from [Success Coaching](https://www.dallascollege.edu/resources/success-coaching/pages/centers.aspx) as a starting point toward future application to a health sciences program. ***Note: Additional assessment testing in computer literacy and learning frameworks courses may be required for certain students.***

# C. Prerequisite Courses

Applicants must complete the prerequisite courses listed below with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher in prerequisite courses to apply to the Veterinary Technology AAS program. Students who have not yet completed the prerequisites may begin with the Veterinary Assisting Certificate. All classes in the Veterinary Assisting Certificate apply to the AAS. The prerequisite GPA is considered in the point award ranking process.

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| Prerequisite Courses | Lec Hrs | Lab Hrs | Cr Hrs |
| ENGL-1301 Composition I | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| BIOL 1406 Biology for Science Majors | 3 | 3 | 4 |

\*Note: all prerequisite courses MUST be completed with a grade of C or better.

# D. 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 Health Science programs.

## Five-Year Time Limit for Select Courses

**Certain science-based courses must be completed within five years of the anticipated program start date.** For example, BIOL 1406 completed in Spring 2020 is valid for application to the Spring 2025 program applications. However, if the course was completed in Spring 2019 or earlier, the course will have exceeded the five-year limit. When having met certain conditions the Veterinary Technology program will accept waivers for the 5-year time limit. This is 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, and PSYC 2314. CLEP credit is not 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 is not 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.

# E. Veterinary Technology Application Materials

Click here and fill out the form to apply for the program [online application for Veterinary Technology](https://www.dallascollege.edu/VetTechOnCampus) during the application period between **February 1 - May 1.**

Within two weeks of submitting your application for the Veterinary Technology program, you will be emailed additional documents, including Waiver of Liability and Rabies Acknowledgement read and sign. These must be submitted as directed in the email to complete your application. Be sure to submit all required application materials by the [application filing deadline](#_F._Application_Filing).

# F. Application Filing Period

The application period opens for fall semester on February 1 and closes May 1. Classes begin the following fall.

# G. Admission and Notification of Acceptance

Limited spots are available in the on campus AAS program and Veterinary Assisting Program. Applications are scored based on overall GPA, grades in prerequisite courses, employment and volunteer experience working with animals, and an essay submitted as part of the application. If application scores are tied, preference is given to the applicant with higher grades in prerequisite courses and higher overall GPA.

Students are notified of admission by email June 1 - June 15.

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.

# H. Curriculum Overview Veterinary Technology

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| Prerequisites | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| ENGL-1301 | Composition 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| BIOL-1406 | Biology for Science Majors | 3 | 1 | 4 |

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| Semester 1 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| +Elective | Mathematics Elective | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| VTHT 1301 | Introduction to Veterinary Technology | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 1413 | Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology\* | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| VTHT 2321 | Veterinary Parasitology | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 10 | 3 | 13 |

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| Semester 2 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| ++ Elective | Social/Behavioral Science | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| VTHT 1349 | Veterinary Pharmacology | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 2201 | Canine and Feline Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 1217 | Veterinary Office Management | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| VTHT 2223 | Veterinary Clinical Pathology I | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Subtotal | | 11 | 3 | 12 |

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| Semester 3 (Summer Session) | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| VTHT 2331 | Veterinary Clinical Pathology II | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Option 1 | **Recommended for students with limited Clinical Experience** |  |  |  |
| ++++ VTHT 1160 | Clinical-Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician & Veterinary Assistant | 0 | 5\* | 1 |
|  | Cooperative Education Course in Semester V (VTHT 2280) | 1 | 10\* | 3 |
| Option 2 | **Recommended for students currently working in a veterinary clinic** |  |  |  |
|  | Cooperative Education Course in Semester V (VTHT 2380) | 1 | 15\* | 4 |
| Subtotal | | 2-3 | 1-6 | 3-4 |

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| Semester 4 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| +++ Elective | Humanities/Fine Arts | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| VTHT 1341 | Anesthesia & Surgical Assistance | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 2325 | Large Animal Assisting Techniques | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 2213 | Lab Animal Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 2205 | Equine Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Subtotal | | 11 | 4 | 13 |

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| Semester 5 | | | | |
| Course | **Title** | **Lecture Hours** | **Lab Hours** | **Credit Hours** |
| VTHT 2209 | Food Animal Clinical Management | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| VTHT 1345 | Veterinary Radiology | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| VTHT 2439 | Veterinary Nursing Care | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Option 1 | **Recommended for students with limited Clinical Experience** |  |  |  |
| ++++VTHT 2280 | Cooperative Education -Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician & Veterinary Assistant | 1 | 10\* | 2 |
| Option 2 | **Recommended for students currently working in a veterinary clinic** |  |  |  |
| ++++VTHT 2380 | Cooperative Education -Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician & Veterinary Assistant | 1 | 15\* | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 9 | 13-18 | 11-12 |
| Program Total | **Minimum Hours Required** | **60** | | |

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

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

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

++++Clinical/Cooperative Education Electives - students must complete 3 credit hours of Clinical or Cooperative Education selected from these options. Students must select Option 1 or Option 2.

\* VTHT 1160, VTHT 2280 and VTHT 2380 have External Learning/Clinical Hours in lieu of lab hours.

# I. General Information

* 1. 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 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 degree.
  4. Criteria for admissions includes prerequisites, GPA.
  5. Admission to the on campus AAS program is limited due to space.
  6. 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).
  7. A grade of “C” or better is required for all courses.
  8. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national and state exams required to become a Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT).
  9. Upon completion of the following courses a student is eligible to receive the [Veterinary Assisting Certificate](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/degree.cfm?degree=vet_tech_assist_c1&loc=econ).

ENGL 1301

BIOL 1406

Mathematics Elective

(selected from Core Options for AAS awards)

VTHT 1217

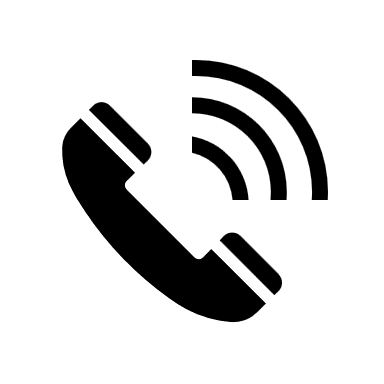
VTHT 1301

VTHT 2321

One of the following: VTHT 2201, VTHT 2205, VTHT 2209

* 1. Students who have not completed the prerequisites for the Associates of Applied Science degree prior to the application deadline may begin with the Veterinary Assisting Certificate if space is available.
  2. After completing a minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework in the AAS Veterinary Technology degree, a student may begin the 6-credit hour [Equine Clinical Skills Enhanced Skills Certificate](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/degree.cfm?degree=vet_tech_equine_es&loc=econ).

## Veterinary Technology On Campus Contact Information

972-860-8253  [cvcvt@dallascollege.edu](mailto:cvcvt@dallascollege.edu)

# J. Estimated Expenses for the Veterinary Technology

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Prerequisites | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $693 | $1183 | $1750 |
| Subtotal | $474 | $810 | $1200 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Semester 1 | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $1287 | $2197 | $3250 |
| Subtotal | $1287 | $2197 | $3250 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Semester 2 | | | |
|  | 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 | $297-$396 | $507-$676 | $750-$1000 |
| Subtotal | $297-$396 | $507-$676 | $750-$1000 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Semester 4 | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $1287 | $2197 | $3250 |
| Subtotal | $1287 | $2197 | $3250 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Semester 5 | | | |
|  | Dallas County Resident | Out of County | Out of State |
| Tuition/Textbooks | $1089-$1188 | $1859- $2028 | $2750-$3000 |
| Subtotal | $1089-$1188 | $1859- $2028 | $2750-$3000 |
| Program Total | $5940 | $10140 | $15000 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Additional Supplies | | | |
| Scrubs | $25(per set) \* | $25(per set) \* | $25(per set) \* |
| 1 Lab Coat | $50 | $50 | $50 |
| Stethoscope | $75 approximately | $75 approximately | $75 approximately |
| Total | $150 | $150 | $150 |

\*Additional Supplies purchased at the start of the program