

## Welcome to TCTC Veterinary Technology Program

The Veterinary Technology program is fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association and is a two-year Associate Degree program.

Upon completion of your associate degree in Veterinary Technology, you are expected to take the state and national licensing boards to become a Licensed Veterinary Technician. LVT's are qualified for employment with veterinary hospitals, major teaching facilities, zoos, wildlife preserves, animal research and diagnostic labs, pharmaceutical companies, or any other animal related facility.

You will receive excellent instruction and extensive practical experience in the laboratory to develop competencies in large and small animal nursing, diagnostic laboratory techniques, radiology, anesthesiology, surgical technology, and hospital management. All students are required to participate in the daily care of animals housed at this facility.

This two-year day program and three-year evening program begin in the Fall semester and includes an externship in the Spring or Summer term.

Because the Veterinary Technology Program is an AVMA accredited program, we have been granted student affiliation with NAVTA (National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America). Every student enrolled in Veterinary Technology can be a member, will receive the NAVTA Newsletter, and will be entitled to member discounts on their journal, insurance, etc. Tri-County's NAVTA chapter was recognized as National Student Chapter of the Year for 2006.

The purpose of the NAVTA Student Chapter is to enhance professionalism and improve self-image as well as keeping students abreast of events and activities of their colleagues across the country. As part of the student chapter, students conduct fund-raising events throughout the year. These funds are then used for community service projects and campus activities.

As a student in the Veterinary Technology program, you are also encouraged to become a student member of the South Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians (SCAVT). This association is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of veterinary technology through the unity of its profession, by offering free continuing education for its members, quarterly newsletters, and more.

I have read and understand the TCTC Veterinary Technology Policies and Procedures.

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Name

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Signature

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Date

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM

After completing the “8-Steps to Enrollment” students who are interested in Veterinary Technology should:

1. **Meet with a Veterinary Technology Advisor.** Call for an appointment by contacting the Health Education Division Office (864-646-1400).

Note: Until all requirements for admission are completed, the student will be enrolled in the **Pre-Veterinary Technology curriculum**.

In addition to minimum placement scores, the following pre-requisites must be completed prior to admission in to the Veterinary Technology Program. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Please refer to the College Catalog for course prerequisite requirements.

- a. ENG 100 or higher
  - b. RDG 032 or higher
  - c. MAT 102 or higher
  - d. BIO 101
  - e. CPT 170
  - f. Minimum GPA of 2.0
2. Meet all the program requirements, and after attaining Dr. Champion’s signature, have turned in his/her “Notice of Completion Form” to the Health Education Division Secretary in the Health Education Division office, Fulp 300. The student will then be placed on the Veterinary Technology Complete List. The program has space for 24 students in the day program and 15 students in the evening program for Veterinary Technology. The cycle of classes begins each fall. To find your place on the complete list, please contact the Health Education Division Office (864-646-1400).
  3. Complete VET 103 and VET 105 prior to entering the fall semester.
  4. Provide proof of current immunizations: tetanus, rabies (optional) after acceptance.

As part of the Health Education Division, it is mandatory that all health education students go through a criminal background check and drug screen.

The criminal background check can be completed on line through PreCheck. The cost is \$49.50(subject to change), paid directly to PreCheck and must be completed prior to the first day of class in Veterinary Technology portion of the program. Also, the urine drug screen will be conducted on campus after classes begin with limited notice. The cost is attached as a fee to applicable courses.

