

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN



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Program Description

New technologies in anesthesia, laboratory equipment, diagnostic testing, and medical treatment have vastly improved animal care. To prepare for these responsibilities, the vet tech program at MCC is designed to meet the AAS degree requirements for individuals who wish to enter the job market with the skills to perform a variety of functions. Courses are taught by experienced veterinary technicians and veterinarians who are keenly aware of the expectations of future employees. This program is designed to be a two year AAS degree.

The Team

Animal owners expect first class medical care for their companion animals and livestock. This care is provided by a team of individuals led by the veterinarian who diagnoses illness, performs surgery, and prescribes medication for his/her animal patients. The veterinarian turns to the veterinary technician to provide technical support for all aspects of animal care. Assistants, receptionists, and kennel attendants round out the health care team.

Award Options

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Career Options

A majority of veterinary technicians are employed in private practice, particularly companion animal practice. However, the demand for technicians in other areas is rapidly expanding. Opportunities that exist for graduate veterinary technicians include:

- specialty practice
- hospital management
- biomedical facilities
- veterinary colleges/universities
- drug/feed manufacturing companies
- humane societies & animal control facilities
- zoos and wildlife facilities
- veterinary supply sales
- military service
- industry
- food safety inspection
- diagnostic laboratories

Job Outlook

Employment of veterinary technologists and technicians is expected to grow 36 percent over the 2008-18 projection period, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Median annual wages of veterinary technologists and technicians were \$28,900 in May 2010. The middle 50 percent earned between \$23,580 and \$34,960. The bottom 10 percent earned less than \$19,770, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$41,490.

For details, please visit this link <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>



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A.A.S. DEGREE

FIRST SEMESTER

AGV:119	Veterinary Medical Terminology	3
AGV:130	Clinical Technology I	3
BIO:114	General Biology IA	4
CHM:110	Introduction to Chemistry	3
MAT:104	Applied Math Topics	3
		16

SECOND SEMESTER

AGV:118	Animal Anatomy & Physiology I	4
AGV:131	Clinical Technology II	3
AGV:133	Veterinary Clinic Pathology I	3
ENG:105	Composition I	3
SPC:170	Professional Communication	3
		16

THIRD SEMESTER: (SUMMER SESSION)

AGV:182	Diagnostic Imaging	3
AGV:184	Lab Animal Medicine	2
AGV:953	Veterinary Work Experience	1
BUS:161	Human Relations	3
HUM:110	Changes & Choices	3
		12

FOURTH SEMESTER

AGV:127	Animal Anatomy & Physiology II	4
AGV:132	Clinical Technology III	3
AGV:134	Veterinary Clinic Pathology II	3
AGV:140	Veterinary Pharmacology	3
AGV:159	Surgical Nursing	3
		16

FIFTH SEMESTER

AGV:146	Large Animal Care	3
AGV:170	Veterinary Anesthesiology	3
AGV:932	Internship	4
		10

A.A.S. TOTAL

70

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