



SMART START
ALLIED HEALTH ORIENTATION

Tulsa Community College

School of Health Sciences

Veterinary Technology

Program Director:

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Application deadline

April 30 annually

Applicants must request an application packet from the Veterinary Technology Program – Contact us at:

Email: vettech@tulsacc.edu Phone: 918-595-8212.

Program Basics

Total Credit Hours: 70

Degree earned: Associates of Applied Science (AAS)

Number of semesters: Full-time Program (5), Part-time Program (7)

Part-time program is for students unable to devote time or finances for full-time study. Completion of degree within 3 years vs 2 years for Full-time program. Please contact the Program Director for more information.

Applicants should be aware of the Essential Functions required to be successful.

Prerequisites and General Education

All science and math courses – must pass with grade of “C” or better. Biology/Zoology - completed within 12 years of application date.

Prerequisites: Must be completed to be eligible to apply

BIOL 1224 Introduction to Biology for Majors or BIOL 1604 Zoology

ENGL 1113 Freshman Composition I

Other General Education courses required for the degree

CHEM 1114 Principles of Chemistry or 1315 General Chemistry I

ENGL 1213 Freshman Composition II or ENGL 2333 Technical/Professional Writing

HIST 1483 or 1493 American History

POLS 1113 American Government

MATH 1473 or 1513 (or course of equal or higher level)

Applicants transferring credits from another institution should submit official transcripts (including high school) to the TCC Records Office for transfer evaluation. Applicants must provide an official Degree Audit performed by a TCC Academic Advisor with their application. Consult the Program for a list of Academic Advisors.

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Application Scoring Criteria

GPA-minimum 2.0, additional credit for high GPA

Interview-required

Writing Sample - required

Observation - Career shadowing for minimum of 16 hours required.

ACT / SAT - optional; or completion of assessment by TCC Academic Advising.

Job Description and Basic Essential Functions

Job Description: Under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, RVT's may perform a diversity of skills to include intensive nursing care, clinical laboratory procedures, radiology, anesthesiology, dental care, surgical assistance and client communication. A graduate will have an in-depth understanding of the fundamentals of animal husbandry, behavior, and nursing care for a variety of animal species.

Workplace Settings: private practice, veterinary teaching hospitals, private/public research facilities, livestock production, veterinary supply/sales, zoos/exotic animal care, rescue/humane organizations, and military service.

Essential Functions: Those who have physical, mental or emotional limitations must make an appointment with the Accessibility Resources (AR), to review their ability to meet the Veterinary Technology Essential Functions. (Please request the Essential Functions document from the Program.)

Critical Thinking - sufficient for clinical judgement and problem solving.

Interpersonal - sufficient to interact with patients, clients, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.

Communication - abilities for interaction with others orally & in writing.

Mobility - physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces and to prevent or escape injury.

Motor Skills - gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe, effective nursing care in a timely manner.

Hearing - auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs, and to communicate efficiently.

Visual - sufficient for observation and assessment, including microscopy.

Tactile - sufficient for physical assessment and to perform nursing duties in a timely manner.

Physical Condition - condition and stamina sufficient to restrain, lift and assist in care of a variety of animal species; ability to stand for extended periods of time; ability to withstand extreme weather conditions; immune system competence.

Risk Management Requirements

Immunizations: Tetanus ,TB testing, influenza (flu), Covid-19

Rabies prophylaxis required during 1st semester of Program. Consult your physician regarding immunizations.

Background check: required

Drug screen: required

Clinical or Fieldwork Expectations

Travel: student is responsible for their own transportation during field trips or to clinical sites.

Cost: \$16,000-17,000 (in-state). Please refer to the Degree Plan for an itemized listing; fees subject to change.

Work: clinical ratio -- It is recommended FT students do not work more than 25 hrs/wk. Summer Practicum requires 40 hrs/wk at the clinical site; students should plan to not work a regular job during that time. Students will participate with animal care outside of scheduled course times during each Fall and Spring semesters.

Most VETT courses involve formal clinical training, with additional during Practicum (see Degree Plan).

Clinical training involves working with blood and animal excretions, and with large/small/exotic animals.

Program Recommended Study Habits

Work: school ratio – Applicants working more than 25 hours per week are encouraged to select the Part-time program. Students should devote 3-4 hours of study time per credit hour per week to be successful.

Rigor: This is a demanding program academically and involves extensive hands-on participation. Students are expected to read and comprehend a wide variety of study materials. Students will learn and master many new nursing skills. Time management skills are essential.

Assessment types: oral, written and practical (hands-on) assessments.

GPA minimum: 2.0

Students are encouraged to develop strong study habits.

Students are expected to purchase all required textbooks, materials and supplies.

Ways to Maximize Competitiveness of Application

Applicants are encouraged to complete additional math, science and communication courses. Experience in veterinary medical settings is recommended. Credit is given for high GPA.



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