

NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

The veterinary Technology Department at Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC) provides students with a high quality, fundamental and practical education. The NTCC Veterinary Technology Program utilizes several modalities to interact, teach and engage students, making the program a “hybrid” combination of on-line learning and hands on instruction. Students, are able to access lecture materials in an on-line setting using canvas. Laboratory classes are held in a traditional face to face setting at our Florida Parishes Campus, as well as at local bovine farms and horse stables. This variability in lab/field class locations allows for a practical, well rounded, real world learning experience for students.

In addition to online and laboratory learning students are required to complete clinical rotations in veterinary clinics of their choice as long as they meet certain criteria. It is the students’ responsibility to form a working relationship (volunteer or employment) in a veterinary clinic/hospital setting. The clinical experience rotation class offers students a variety of veterinary practice settings to work in, as well as other facilities that work with animals such as zoos, animal shelters and research facilities. Each semester students are required to complete 75 clinical hours (per semester) during each Fall and Spring Semester, and 250 clinical hours during each Summer Semester. The clinical experience class gives the students an opportunity to apply their acquired clinical knowledge and skills in a real-world work environment. It is advised to begin visiting veterinary clinics/hospitals, etc. prior to beginning the 1st Fall Semester, as this will help to ensure preparedness for your future endeavor in veterinary technology.

The NTCC Veterinary Technology Department offers a Certificate of Technical Studies in Veterinary Assisting upon completion of the first year of the program (not recognized by AVMA) and an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Veterinary Technology after completion of the second year. Accreditation by the

AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) grants a graduate of the program eligibility to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE). Students that choose to test in Louisiana and Pass the VTNE, will become a(n) Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT), for the state of Louisiana.

The Veterinary Technology Program at NTCC is a full time, 6 semester Associate of Applied Science (AAS) program. Students are required to take a minimum of 74 credit hours in order to graduate with the AAS degree. The Program allows students the opportunity to gain the knowledge and perform the essential skills necessary to be proficient for an entry level position in the field of Veterinary Technology. The program admits in the Fall Semester and the deadline for application is July 31st in order to be accepted for Fall Semester. Included in the 74 credit hours of the program are 15 credit hours of general education classes: **MATH: *Finite or College Algebra*, English Comp I, Natural Science Course, Behavioral Science Course, and Humanities Course.** It is advised, the general education classes can be taken before application to the program or within the first year of the program. It is strongly recommended to take at least the Math, English, & Biology before applying to this program. All general education courses must be successfully completed with a "C" or higher at the end of the summer semester to be eligible to progress to the second Fall Semester.

The remaining 59 credits are all Veterinary Technology classes including: Animal Anatomy and Physiology, Animal Nursing, Pharmacology, Clinical Pathology, and Surgical Nursing and Anesthesia to name a few. The program is set up as a block system or cohort, where everyone moves through the program together except for the general education classes. Students must maintain a "C" in all classes to obtain credit of successful completion within the program. Students must successfully complete all semester courses to progress to the next semester.

Northshore Technical Community College is open admission; however, acceptance into the Veterinary Technology Program is by qualification/selection. To be eligible to apply for admission to the program students must:

- Provide evidence of high school diploma or equivalent
- Meet the required entrance scores for the ACT or Compass Tests (see curriculum information sheet)
- Have established or secured a working or volunteer position at a veterinary facility with a DVM on staff (hospital, clinic, shelter, rescue agency)
- Submit a letter of working relationship from the veterinarian by July 31st. (Email to: dainapowers@northshorecollege.edu)

The admissions committee reviews and evaluates each applicant on an impartial basis. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. Once all selections have been made you will receive a Welcome email. This email will give you information regarding orientation, books, scrubs, etc. If you have further questions, you can contact the department directly by contacting:

Program Director: Daina Powers, RVT

Email: dainapowers@northshorecollege.edu

Student Affairs: Ginny McElveen

Phone: 225-345-1703

Career Opportunities:

Veterinary Private Practice (small/large/mixed/exotic)

Humane Societies and Shelters

Specialty Veterinary Medical Facilities

Zoo and Wildlife Medicine

Agriculture or Biomedical Research

Teaching

Benefits of becoming a Licensed/Registered Veterinary Technician:

Credentialing elevates the role and responsibilities of the Veterinary Technician in every setting. According to the October 2008 Veterinary

Technician Journal,

Education + Certification = Higher Pay

Credentialed veterinary technicians surveyed by MediMedia Research made roughly 35% more than non-credentialed/licensed veterinary assistants.

It pays to be licensed!!

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Veterinary Technology Program at NTCC is to provide exceptional education and training in order to foster high professional standards in all aspects of veterinary care.