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SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Veterinary Technology Program
Information Packet

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Dear Prospective Veterinary Technology Student:

This packet of information contains the following materials:

1. VET Program Requirements / Check List

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 512-3700 and ask for an Academic Advisor in the Health Sciences Division (HS).

NOTE: *Program requirements and policies may change. Changes will be effective March 30th of each year. Applicants must comply with all program policies and meet all program requirements current at the time they begin veterinary technology courses.*

SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
VET.S.AAS Degree PROGRAM

VET TECH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS / CHECK LIST

Step 1 _____ The Health Sciences Applicant Information packet is available online at:

https://www.sinclair.edu/www/assets/File/Hom-Aca-AcaDiv-HS/HSApplicantPacket.pdf
Please go through this packet to understand the expectations and information that pertains to the Health Science Division and Sinclair's Academic Policies. You will be asked to sign a document that indicates that you have read and understood these policies and will be held accountable for knowing these policies.

Step 2 _____ **Complete VET program prerequisites**:

Semester 1
_____	ALH	1101	Introduction to Healthcare
_____	ENG	1101	English Composition I
_____	MAT	1130	Mathematics in Health Sciences (OR OTM MAT)
_____	VET	1000	Intro to Vet Med

Semester 2
_____	BIO	1121	Human Anatomy and Physiology (take in-person)
_____	VET	1102/1107	Topics in Veterinary Medicine + Lab
_____	CHE	1111 /1151	Intro to Chemistry I / Lab or CHE 1211/1222
_____	COM	2206 or 2211	Interpersonal Com or Effective Speaking

Semester 3
_____	BIO	1222	Human Anatomy and Physiology (take in-person)
_____	PSY	1100	General Psychology
_____	BIO	2205/2206	Microbiology (take in-person)
_____	VET	2008	Veterinary Technology Laboratory

(if entering the cohort on Full-Time basis in the upcoming summer semester)

| _____ | VET | 2108 | Veterinary Technical Practice I (>100 clinical hours) |

(if entering the cohort on Full-Time basis in the upcoming summer semester)

Step 3 _____ **Program specific requirements for entry into limited enrollment courses**:

A 2.7 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or greater is required for the VET program.

Students have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to successfully complete BIO courses with a C grade or higher. All course withdrawals (W) or failures will be counted as an attempt.

*Students are ineligible to enter and/or continue in the VET program after a third unsuccessful course attempt.

To be eligible for entry into the limited enrollment courses, you must complete all required prerequisite courses by the end of spring semester with a "C" or better and enroll and complete Psychology and Microbiology coursework in the summer term.

All BIO, CHE, VET, and MAT courses (including transfer courses) must be completed within five (5) years of program acceptance.

Step 4_____After steps 1, 2, & 3, compile your admission portfolio per the Veterinary Technician Admission Rubric and submit through College Central Network to department: VetTech (vettech@sinclair.edu), no earlier than April 1 and no later than 5p on April 15th, 2026. All students who desire to submit an application must contact the Veterinary Technology Department (see page 8) to be put into the Veterinary Technology-Linked Student Information community in March of the year they would like to apply. All instructions for application are included in this eLearn community. Students wishing to enter the Veterinary Technician Cohort on a Full-Time basis will be given priority.

- Students must be 18 years of age or older by July 15th of the year that they enter the cohort.

Overview

The Program

The Veterinary Technology program is designed to be a rigorous, hands-on, and clinical approach to prepare you for work in the veterinary field. Expect to be fascinated, captivated, immersed, and challenged. You will be reading a lot of new material; taking in a lot of information; and practicing novel skills that you will likely use for the rest of your life, not only to take the next test.

It is designed to be a 5-semester program with 1 semester of prerequisites that prepares students for the hands-on labs and introductory courses that will allow the student to enter clinical courses. The first two to three semesters will enable the student to earn a Veterinary Assistant certificate while preparing them to enter the Veterinary Technology program as clinical space allows. There are then 3 semesters of core Veterinary Technology courses, once you have been accepted into the cohort for the program. If you are working, commuting, or otherwise occupied outside of school, you may need to take longer to complete the first year of study. If you are planning to be a full-time student, you will be expected to commit more time to the second year of study and may need to reduce your work-load outside of class time. Please speak with your Academic Advisor to determine your best course of action.

Our Mission

The mission of the Veterinary Technology Program at Sinclair Community College is to provide an accredited program of excellence to individuals who want to become skilled and compassionate members of the veterinary medical community. The Veterinary Technician Program is designed to encourage students to learn critical thinking skills, excellent veterinary technician skills, and to learn the importance of the human-animal bond. Our graduates will strive to improve the quality of life for animals and educate and support the people who care for them in this ever-changing field of medicine.

Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technology

We have structured our program such that students take the prerequisite courses as they can in the first year (we understand that varying life issues can make attending school full-time difficult). These courses are prerequisites to qualify for the limited enrollment courses of most, if not all, Health Sciences programs of study. There are several introductory courses (VET 1000, VET 1102 & VET 1107) to help you decide whether to pursue this program on a full-time basis. These courses are an overview of various fields of animal careers and an introduction to Veterinary Medicine and the technician's role within. These courses are based on online resources and *McCurnin's Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians* (Saunders). The courses are intended to not only cover the very broad field of study, but to ensure the student is ready to embark on a career in the veterinary field. During the introduction to veterinary technology, students are instructed on the application process for entry to the limited enrollment courses for the Veterinary Technology Program.

The second year of study is a more in-depth and technical study of nursing, surgery, radiology, pharmacology, medical record keeping, animal husbandry and disease, and anatomy and physiology. These courses are rigorous and include in-depth lectures and many hours of hands-on experience in local veterinary hospitals. The capstone course is an 8-week preceptorship, which allows the students to be immersed in an environment that allows them the opportunity to apply their knowledge and to continue learning the field through hands-on experience. **A total of 500+ hours of hands-on experience will be accumulated during the various practical experiences.**

+Curriculum and Costs 2025+Nov2025

Accreditation Statement

The Veterinary Technology Program at Sinclair Community College attained initial accreditation on February 14, 2014, through the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA-CVTEA). 'Initial' is the terminology given to newly accredited programs for their first five years and means the program is officially accredited.

The Sinclair Community College Veterinary Technology Program attained full accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA-CVTEA), effective March 28, 2019, which was repeated in 2024 for maintenance of Full Accreditation.

Sinclair's Veterinary Assistant short-term certificate is approved through the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) and can be earned by students taking classes associated with this certificate (fully embedded in the Veterinary Technology degree program.)

Graduates of this fully accredited program are considered graduates of an AVMA-CVTEA accredited program and are eligible to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE).

* Graduates who have passed the VTNE and are seeking licensure in the state of Ohio will be required to have a federal background check. Please visit https://OVMLB.org for more information about disqualifying offenses.

See all accredited Veterinary Technician Programs:

https://www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Accreditation/Programs/Pages/vettech-programs-all-programs-list.aspx