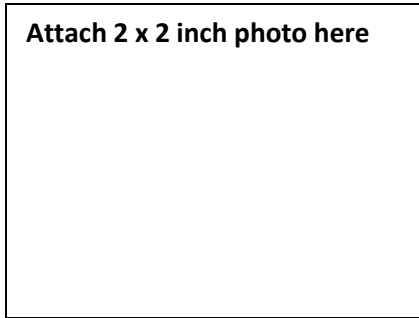




Veterinary Technology Program APPLICATION



Application Requirements:

- 20 hours of observation / shadowing at a Veterinary facility
• 2.5 college cumulative GPA
• Completion of learning support classes in Reading, Writing, and Math
• Completion of (or currently enrolled in) Biology 1010 (or higher) or Chemistry 1030 (or higher)
• Non-Vol State Students must have Official Transcripts sent to the Vol State Admissions Office prior to Application deadline

Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ V#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street or PO Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home / Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(It is your responsibility to check your messages and email for correspondence from the Veterinary Technology Program)

Do you already have a degree? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, type \_\_\_\_\_ in what field: \_\_\_\_\_

College cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your grade in the following Vol State (or equivalent) College classes (enter IP: If currently enrolled):

CHEM 1030 (or higher): \_\_\_\_\_ BIOL 1010 (or higher): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you worked/ volunteered with animals (not including observation hours)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how long \_\_\_\_\_ & what did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a short essay as to why you want to become a veterinary technician

I have read and can fulfill the essential expectations of a veterinary technology student (below). \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

I certify that the information I have provided is complete and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation will be cause for denial of admission.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this page and required documentation to Hope Wright, Program Director Veterinary Technology, either:

In person: Veterinary Technology Building room 104 A, Gallatin campus or

Scan and Email to: hope.wright@volstate.edu

If you do not receive a confirmation email, I did not get your application.

Due by the first Friday in November to qualify for an interview.

## Checklist of Items to be included with the completed Application:

Required Documentation	Included
Page 1 of Application with Passport Size Photo	
Short Essay – Why you want to be a Vet Tech	
All non-Vol State College Transcripts submitted to <i>Admissions Office</i>	
Reference Letter – 1	
Observation Form – with 20 hours observation or time employed	

See below for [a few tips](#) that may make completing the application easier.

## Essential Expectations of a Veterinary Technology Student

The veterinary technology field is both intellectually and physically challenging. VSCC does not discriminate against students with disabilities and provides access to its programs and services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act/Amendments Act (ADA/AA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. However, all students must meet the essential skills and technical standards to perform functions required of the veterinary technician program and veterinary profession, with or without reasonable accommodations.

### General Physical Requirements

Students must:

- Be physically able to tolerate walking and standing for at least 10 minutes at a time, multiple times per hour
- Be physically able to lift and/or carry up to 50 pounds from floor to waist level or higher at least several times per day
- Be physically able to handle, position and restrain live small and large animals
- Possess fine motor movements in order to perform the essential skills of the profession
  - Examples include: dexterity to manipulate small equipment, adjust resistance on equipment, hold hooves while cleaning and evaluating, manage syringes, catheters, and common surgical instruments
- Possess tactile ability necessary for physical assessment and to perform nursing duties in a timely manner
  - Examples include: performing palpation during physical exams, administering oral, intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intravenous medication, insert and remove tubes, collect organic samples from live animals and perform wound care
- Possess adequate visual ability, with or without correction, that allows the determination of minute areas of detail, very small variations in color and adequate depth perception
- Possess auditory ability necessary to monitor and assess health status, including auscultation of heart and lungs, and hear equipment alarms and warning sounds from animals, humans, and/or equipment of impending danger or injury
- Recognize and respond appropriately to distress sounds from animals and alarms/warning signals on animal-monitoring equipment directly and through intercommunication systems to ensure patient safety

### Cognitive Ability and Interpersonal Skills

Students must:

- Be able to function in a structured environment within significant time constraints and capable of making rapid decisions in urgent situations and meeting deadlines
- Be able to complete required tasks/functions under stressful and/or unpredictable conditions, including emergency situations
- Maintain cleanliness and personal grooming consistent with close human and animal contact
- Be able to interact appropriately with clients and all members of the veterinary healthcare team

## Reasonable Disability Accommodations

Request for reasonable accommodations must be initiated by the student. Accommodations may not provide unfair advantage to the students, fundamentally alter the nature and substance of the curriculum, present an undue burden for VSCC, pose a direct threat to the safety of patients, or compromise the academic integrity of the program. Students should be aware that a potential employer may not be amenable to use of accommodations that result in undue burden to the employer. Students receiving accommodations must be aware that these may not be available from a perspective employer. Veterinary practices with small numbers of employees may be exempt from the requirements of the ADA/AA.

## Vet Tech Application Tips

### Contact Information

- Put cell and email address that you use/check

### College Classes

- If you have not completed a semester of college yet, leave GPA blank
- If you are not a Vol State student, send us an unofficial copy of your transcript and send the Vol State Office of Admissions an official copy.

### Short Essay

- It should be 1 to 3 paragraphs
- It should have 2-3 reasons why you want to be a vet tech (other than or in addition to your love for animals)
- Use Word or Google Docs to write it and have it check your grammar and spelling
- Have someone review it - does it sound as good to them as it did to you

### Reference Letter

- Should not be from the place you observed, unless you are employed there or have volunteered there for several months at least
- Can be addressed to the Application Committee or To Whom It May Concern

### Additional Information

- The picture can be a simple headshot
- There are several free apps that allow you to use your phone's camera to scan documents. Most will allow you to scan all your documents and send as one pdf