

## *Veterinary Technician Assistant Certificate (VA11)*

### DESCRIPTION

The Veterinary Technician Assistant technical certificate program provides educational opportunities to individuals that will enable them to obtain knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to succeed in an entry-level position in veterinary assisting. Graduates are able to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians in providing quality animal healthcare including obtaining and recording patient information, preparing patients, instruments and equipment for surgery; collecting samples and performing certain laboratory procedures; dressing wounds; assisting in diagnostic, medical, and surgical procedures; exposing and developing diagnostic radiographs; communicating with animal owners; and feeding and caring for animals.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Veterinary Technician Assistant certificate program are prepared to work with veterinarians in a variety of settings as Veterinary Assistants.

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Submit a completed application and application fee;
- Be at least 17 years of age and reach 18 before taking program courses utilizing radiology or anesthesia;
- Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
- Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
- Meet the following assessment requirements:

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical	Algebra
COMPASS	79	62	NA	37
SAT	450	NA	440	NA
ACT	17	16	19	NA

### VETERINARY TECHNICIAN ASSISTANT CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Veterinary Technician Assistant certificate program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program at any time to take general core courses but the program occupational courses are taken in sequence and begin each Fall semester. The Natural Sciences/Mathematics courses must be successfully completed before beginning the VETT courses. To earn the certificate, students must earn a minimum of 28 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 600 contact hours and generally takes 2 semesters to complete.

Program Courses	Credits
MATH 1111 - College Algebra* (OL)	3
BIOL 1111 - Biology I*	3
BIOL 1111L - Biology Lab I*	1
CHEM 1211 - Chemistry I*	3
CHEM 1211L - Chemistry Lab I*	1
VETT 1000 - Veterinary Medical Terminology*	2
VETT 1010 - Introduction to Veterinary Technology*	1
VETT 1020 - Veterinary Clinical Pathology I*	3
VETT 1030 - Veterinary Clinical Procedures I*	4
VETT 1060 - Animal Anatomy and Physiology*	4
VETT 1070 - Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging*	3

*(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. \* "C" or higher grade is required for this course.*

### **PROGRAM COSTS**

Tuition/Fees: \$2,460

Books/Supplies: \$900

Uniform Costs: Approximately \$150

Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year

Physical Exam: \$150\*

Tetanus Vaccination: \$40

Hepatitis B Series: \$265

Rabies Vaccination Series Approximately \$450

Radiological Dosimeter Badges: \$24

Course Supply Fees:

- VETT 1020 Veterinary Clinical Pathology I: \$30
- VETT 1030 Veterinary Clinical Procedures I: \$30
- VETT 1060 Animal Anatomy & Physiology: \$30
- VETT 1070 Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging: \$30

*\*Physical Exam (documenting adequate health including the ability to lift 50 pounds, to do prolonged standing, and to tolerate heat.),*

*Rabies vaccination, and Hepatitis B Series are required before entering Veterinary Technology program classes.*

*(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)*

## **TOP 10 REASONS**

*why OTC is the right choice for you!*

1. Great-paying careers!
2. Strong **job placement!**
3. Affordable tuition with financial aid options you don't have to pay back!
4. Over 100 majors to choose from!
5. Flexible class scheduling: day, evening, and online classes!
6. Faculty with real-world experience
7. Hands-on learning
8. Small class sizes
9. An Associate's Degree, diploma, or certificate in less 2 years or less!
10. We **GUARANTEE** your education!

## **GET STARTED TODAY!**

1. Select a program! Free career counseling is available.
2. Review the Admissions Checklist and **APPLY** online at [www.ogeecheetech.edu](http://www.ogeecheetech.edu)!
3. Plan for expenses. You can view tuition and fees and available financial aid options online as well.

### **QUESTIONS:**

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at [enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu)!

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