# VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY ADMISSION PACKET



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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

## DESCRIPTION

The **Veterinary Technology program** is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for careers in the field of veterinary technology. Learning opportunities develop academic and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement.

Program graduates are to be competent in the general areas of humanities or fine arts, social or behavioral sciences, and natural sciences or mathematics. In addition, the program emphasizes specialized training in animal health and care. Program graduates receive a **Veterinary Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree**, developed in accordance with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accreditation guidelines, and are eligible to sit for the National Board examination to become qualified as Registered Veterinary Technicians. The program emphasizes specialized training in animal health and care developed in accordance with the AVMA accreditation.

## LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

A graduate of the program, accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA), must apply with the State of Georgia Secretary of State and have a passing score on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) to become registered in the State of Georgia. Out-of-state students should check with their respective state licensure board to determine requirements.

## STEP 1: INITIAL ASSESSMENT/ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

#### OTC APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Complete the Application for Admission. We encourage you to apply online at www.ogeecheetech.edu/enroll.

#### \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE

- If you apply online, the application fee is included in the process and must be paid online.
- Otherwise, it must be paid to the **Business Office** at the main campus or by phone at 912.871.1643.

#### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Be at least 17 years of age and reach 18 before taking program courses utilizing radiology or anesthesia.

#### PLACEMENT SCORES

- Provide an official high school transcript or GED/HSE transcript.
- Meet the following assessment requirements:

TEST	READING	WRITING/ENGLISH	NUMERICAL/MATH	ALGEBRA
Accuplacer	64	70	NA	57
Accuplacer (Next Gen)	236	249	NA	245
Compass	79	62	NA	37
SAT	17	17	NA	21
SAT	290	290	NA	380
ACT	16	14	NA	17
ASSET	42	41	39	42
PSAT	17	17	NA	21
GED	NA	145	NA	145

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

If you do not achieve the appropriate scores, you will be required to complete learning support courses indicated by the ACCUPLACER Placement Exam. If you are transferring from an approved, accredited postsecondary institution, you may be exempt from the reading, math, and/or English portions of the placement exam if you have earned a grade of "C" or better in a degree level English and/or math course.

## **STEP 2: HEALTH EVALUATION**

All information in Step 2 is to be submitted to the Program Advisor after you are accepted to OTC and before you register for Veterinary Technology program courses:

#### **HEALTH EVALUATION FORMS**

Complete the **Health Evaluation forms** attached.

#### PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION

- Provide proof of rabies vaccination\* (adequate blood titer within previous two years) and completed certification of rabies vaccination. The student is expected to consult with, and be advised by, his/her physician and appropriate public health authorities regarding rabies immunization.
- For information on rabies: www.cdc.gov/rabies/

#### PROOF OF TETANUS VACCINATION

Provide proof of tetanus vaccination (within the past 10 years) OR completed waiver of the vaccination.

#### PROOF OF HEPATITIS B VACCINATION

Provide proof of **Hepatitis B vaccination** series OR completed waiver of the vaccination.

## STEP 3: STUDENT PREGNANCY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

All information in Step 3 is to be submitted to the Program Advisors after you are accepted to OTC and before you register for Veterinary Technology program courses:

#### STUDENT PREGNANCY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Read the attached Veterinary Technology Program Student Pregnancy Risk Management Policy. Complete the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form and the Declared Pregnancy Form (if applicable).

## **STEP 4: MANDATORY VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

All information in Step 4 is to be submitted to the Program Advisors after you are accepted to OTC and before you register for Veterinary Technology program courses:

#### DOCUMENTATION OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

- Complete 40 hours of volunteer service at a veterinary hospital.
  - Document all volunteer hours using the attached **Documentation of Volunteer Activity** form.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

#### OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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#### **PROGRAM ADVISORS**

#### **Dr. Amy Dorminey**

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#### Ms. Deidre Tillman

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## VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM PHYSICAL EVALUATION

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It is the physician's discretion to utilize this form or his/her own. Physical Examination Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_/ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicat#: \_\_\_\_\_ Ht.: Wt: Blood Pressure: / Pulse: LMP: **General Appearance** Normal **Abnormal Findings** Initials Heart Lungs **Pulses** Abdomen П Musculoskelatal Neck Shoulder **Elbow** Wrist Hand

## **Participation Status**

Back Knee Ankle Foot Other

Full Unlimited Participation
Limitations:
(Explain)
Participation withheld until

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Clinician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

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Due to students' clinical exposure to blood, saliva, and other potentially infectious material, students may be at risk of acquiring a rabies virus infection. If a student chooses to be vaccinated, it will be at each student's own expense. Failure to obtain the vaccine puts the student at continued risk of acquiring a rabies virus infection, a potentially fatal disease. Students are required to certify vaccination for the rabies virus or sign a waiver/declination statement prior to admission to the program.

I certify that I have received the rabies vaccine and that my blood titer (taken within the previous two years) indicates immunity to the rabies virus. I further understand that I must submit proof (medical documentation) of the vaccination and/or titer.

Print Name:	 	 	
Student Signature:		 	
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Date:			



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## VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM TETANUS VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

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Due to students' potential clinical exposure to animal bites, students may be at risk of acquiring a tetanus infection. If a student chooses to be vaccinated, it will be at each student's own expense. Failure to obtain the vaccine puts the student at continued risk of acquiring a tetanus infection. Students are required to certify vaccination for tetanus or sign a waiver/declination statement prior to admission to the program.

I certify that I have received the tetanus vaccine within the last 10 years. I further understand that I must submit proof (medical documentation) of the vaccination

Print Name:		
Student Signature:		
Date:		



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## STUDENT PREGNANCY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

#### **POLICY**

» Veterinary Technology students are potentially exposed to materials or incidents that may result in human injury. Some of these exposures could potentially affect pregnant women or their unborn child. Possible exposures may include infectious agents, drugs, chemicals, inhaled anesthetics, radiation, and other agents. Ogeechee Technical College will strive to provide equal opportunity for all students who are academically qualified and to ensure that all students are accommodated. It is the responsibility of the pregnant student to initiate requests for accommodation and to help arrange these accommodations.

### **PROCEDURE**

- » Students who are pregnant or who are actively trying to become pregnant should:
  - » Consult with their individual instructors regarding types of hazards to which the student may be exposed. Examples of possible reproductive hazards are listed in Appendix A.
  - » Contact their treating physician immediately to obtain recommendations for a plan to minimize exposure to hazards with the possibility of reproductive effects to which they may be exposed.
- » If accommodations, work restrictions, or class schedule changes are recommended, contact Brandi Helton, Dean of Students, Office 198, Joseph E. Kennedy Building, 912.912.486.7607; bhelton@ogeecheetech.edu as early as possible so steps may be taken to assist the student in conforming to a plan developed by her physicians. The student will be asked to provide a copy of the specific restrictions or accommodations requested by her physician.

### OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

- » Continue as a student with no schedule or assignment changes if no significant reproductive hazardous exposures are anticipated.
- » Continue as a student with some schedule and assignment changes to minimize certain potential exposures. The flexibility of scheduled changes under this option is dependent on the scheduled assignments and the willingness of classmates to exchange assignments with the affected student.
- » The student may request a leave of absence for a time period deemed necessary by her physician. The student would be responsible for making up assignments or courses missed during the leave of absence.
- » The student may withdraw from the program. The student may then request readmission into the next class. In years 1-3 this could mean a student would need to be on leave for one full year as the classes are lock stepped.

### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

» It is recognized that a pregnant woman or women actively seeking to become pregnant have rights and the responsibility for decisions concerning the pregnancy. No one acting on behalf of Ogeechee Technical College may discriminate against a student on the basis of pregnancy. The woman should expect due consideration from everyone associated with her pregnancy whatever her decision may be.

At the same time, the pregnant student is expected to complete each and every requirement of the veterinary curriculum by a schedule or plan that can be reasonably implemented and under which risks are deemed acceptable by her and her physician.

Note: Appendix A includes some examples of possible hazards to a pregnant woman but is not an all-inclusive list.

## APPENDIX A: POSSIBLE HAZARDS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Some examples of agents that may pose a possible reproductive hazard in pregnant students are listed below. This Appendix includes possible examples of reproductive hazards but is not an all-inclusive list. Further information may be obtained from some of the sources listed below. However, the actual hazard or risk to the pregnant woman depends on the type of exposure, route of exposure, length of exposure, use of personal protective equipment, underlying medical conditions, and other factors.

#### CHEMICALS

Alkylating agents

Antineoplastic agents

Anesthetic gases – particularly if unscavenged such as Isoflurane.

sevoflurane. nitrous oxide

Azathioprine

Busulfan

Cadmium

Carbon disulfide

Carbon monoxide

Chemotherapy agents

Chlordecone

Chlorobiphenyls

Cyclophosphamide

Cyclosporine

Cvtoxan

Diethylstilbesterol

Dimethyl sulfoxide

Estradiol

Estrogen

Ethylene oxide

Etretinate

Formaldehyde

Fluorouracil

Ganciclovir

Halogenated hydrocarbons

Hexachlorobenzene

Hexachlor

Iodoacetic acid

Isotretinoin

Lead

Medroxyprogesterone

Methotrexate

Mitomycin

Nitrous oxide

Organic mercury

Pencilliamine

Pesticides

Polychlorinated and polybrominated biphenyls

Retinoic acid

Ribavirin

Tamoxifen

Thalidomide

Toluene

Toxaphene Vincristine

Xylene

Zidovudine

## **PHYSICAL HAZARDS**

lonizing radiation

Extreme heat

Physical Injury/Trauma - Lifting, being kicked, being cut

Rubella — if woman does not have positive antibody titer

Treponema pallidum

Pasteurella multocida

Toxoplasma gondii – if woman does not have positive antibody titer

Vaccinia

Varicella zoster

## **INFECTIOUS AGENTS - INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE**

Borrelia

Coxiella burnetii (Q fever)

Cytomegalovirus

Arena virus (hemorrhagic fever, Lasa Fever)

HIV virus

Herpes simplex virus

Listeria monocytogenes

Parvovirus

## APPENDIX A, CONT.: SOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON APPENDIX A

### COMPUTER DATABASES/WEB-BASED RESOURCES

- » National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety: The Effects of Workplace Hazards on Female Reproductive Health http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/99-104/
- » Occupational Safety and Health Administration: Safety and Health Topics: Reproductive Hazards http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/reproductivehazards/index.html
- » OTIS: Organization of Teratology Information Specialists | http://otispregnancy.org/
- » National Birth Defects Prevention Network | http://www.nbdpn.org/index.html
- » TERIS Teratogen Information System, Seattle, WA | http://depts.washington.edu/~terisweb/teris/
- » Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology Database (DART), National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?DARTETIC.htm
- » Reproductive risk, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD | www.micromedex.com/products/reprorisk/
- » The Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction | http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov/
- » REPROTOX- Reproductive Toxicology Center, Washington DC | www.reprotox.org | 202/293-5946

### **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

- » Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC Regional Offices
- » National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
- » Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- » Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

#### **TEXTBOOKS**

- » Frazier LM, Hage ML. Reproductive Hazards of the Workplace. 1998. John Wiley & Sons. New York.
- » Jennison, Elizabeth A. Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace in: Handbook of Chemical Health and Safety. 2001. Ed. Robert J. Alaimo. Washington, D. C.: Oxford, 2001.

## **ARTICLES**

- » Zhu JL, Knudsen LE, Andersen A-M N et al. Laboratory work and pregnancy outcome: a study within the National Birth Cohort in Denmark. Occup Environ Med 2006; 63: 53-58.
- » McDiarmid, MA, Gehle K. Preconception Brief: Occupational/Environmental Exposures. Matern Child Health J 2006: 10: S123-S128.
- » Wennberg H, Magnusson LL, Bonde JP et al. Congenital malformations related to materal exposure to specific agents in biomedical research laboratories. J Occup Environ Med 2005; 47: 11-9.
- » Kumar S. Occupational Exposure Associated with Reproductive Dysfunction. J Occup Health 2004; 46: 1-19.
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- » Frazier LM. Workplace Reproductive Problems. Occ Env Med 2000; 27(4): 1039-1055.

## VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

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#### Please Print Legibly!!!

It is ultimately up to the individual veterinary hospital to grant or deny your request to volunteer for the hours that will be used for Veterinary Technology program admission. Please be sure to clearly explain your involvement and activity.

Student Volunteer Name and Student I	D Number	Email Address	
Student Phone		Date Submitted	
Location of Volunteer Activity/Event		Phone Number for Location	
Supervisor's Name		Supervisor's Phone Number	
	Service Time	e Information	
Date Volunteer Activity Began:			
Date Volunteer Activity Ended:			
Total Volunteer Hours			
Please describe your volunteer activity	6		
	Signa	atures	
Supervisor	Date	Volunteer	Date

In order to receive credit hours for your volunteer service, this form needs to be fully completed and returned with your OTC Veterinary Technology Admissions Packet. Volunteer activity forms will not be accepted until the minimum requirement of 40 hours has been completed. Volunteer activity may be completed at multiple sites in order to obtain the total minimum required volunteer hours. Documentation must be provided for each location.



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## VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM DAILY LOG-IN SHEET

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To be used for all volunteer activities.

Phone Number for Location

Supervisor's Name		Supervisor's Phone Nun	Supervisor's Phone Number		
Date	Hours	Date	Hours		
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Please comment on the service provided by the volunteer (Supervisor)



Location of Volunteer Activity/Event

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