ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

2024 - 2025 Veterinary Technology Program

Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Veterinary Technology Program at Allan Hancock College. The veterinary technology field is a demanding discipline, and the course of study is both challenging and rewarding.

Please review the contents of this application packet thoroughly and carefully prior to submitting your application and supporting documents. If you have questions regarding the Veterinary Technology Program or the application process, contact the program coordinator at amy.rice@hancockcollege.edu.

PROGRAM
The Veterinary Technology Program is a two-semester program, held weekday evenings. One of its goals is to provide the educational requirements which, in conjunction with the required clinical practice experience, will qualify veterinary assistants to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) under the Alternate Route category. Another goal is to provide, to those without any clinical veterinary experience, the knowledge and skills to help students gain entrance into the workforce as a veterinary assistant.

Advisory: You may need to limit your work hours and other outside activities while enrolled in this program. Allow 10 hours/week for class attendance and 20 hours/week for study time.

A grade of "C" or better in VT 301 is a prerequiste for the spring classes, VT 305 and VT 306.

Fall semester – 10 units
VT 301 Veterinary Anatomy/Physiology & Terminology - 3 units
VT 302 Veterinary Office Procedures - 2 units
VT 303 Veterinary Pharmacology - 2 units
VT 304 Clinical Pathology & Microbiology - 3 units

Spring semester – 10 units
VT 305 Medical Nursing and Animal Care - 4 units
VT 306 Surgical Nursing & Dentistry - 4 units
VT 307 Veterinary Radiology and Radiation Safety - 2 units
Elective(s) – 3 units from CWE (work experience), VT 102 Intro to Feeding, or VT 108 Intro Lab Techniques

A **Certificate of Achievement** is offered upon completion of the program.

ALTERNATE ROUTE (This relates to the RVT licensing exam, not the AHC program)
The Alternate Route is accepted as an eligibility category in California to qualify a candidate for the RVT exam. A candidate must complete a combination of at least 4416 hours of directed clinical practice in no less than 24 months under the direct supervision of a California-licensed veterinarian and 300 hours (20 semester units) of specific education. RVT candidates must document their proficiency in specific areas of their clinical experience by submitting a Task List signed by a supervising veterinarian. Both the RVT specific courses and the directed clinical practice must have been completed no more than five years prior to applying for the licensing exam. General subjects such as chemistry, math, and biology may have been completed any time prior to applying.

Examination eligibility is subject to denial upon review of the applicant's background information. Reasons for denial may include any veterinary-related disciplinary actions, misdemeanors, or felony convictions. Contact the California Veterinary Medical Board for more detailed information.

FINANCIAL AID
Students are eligible for California College Promise Grant (CCPG) and state funds but not federal Pell Grants or federal loans. For further financial aid assistance, visit www.hancockcollege.edu/financialaid.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
The 2021 median pay for veterinary technicians, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was $17.72 per hour. The job outlook is expected to grow by about 20% (much faster than average). A registered veterinary technician may work in private practice at a veterinary hospital or in a veterinary specialty practice, such as dentistry, surgery, or an emergency clinic. Other areas of employment include equine hospitals, mobile clinics, laboratories, veterinary teaching hospitals, animal shelters, rescue organizations, armed services, public health, and zoos.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Applicants to the Veterinary Technology program must complete the following **college level** prerequisite classes (or equivalent) with a grade of "C" or better.

• **BIOL 100 Introductory Biology** (or the equivalent)

• **CHEM 120 Introductory Chemistry** (or the equivalent)

If you are accepted into the program, enrollment in classes requires that there are no academic probation or dismissal issues, all required transcripts have been received, and prerequisite classes taken at other schools are equivalent to BIOL 100 and CHEM 120. If you have questions regarding your academic standing or equivalencies, contact the **Counseling department at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3293.**

AP Biology and **AP Chemistry** College Board exam scores of 3 or higher will be accepted as meeting the prerequisite requirements. Submit official College Board transcripts as indicated below.

PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST
□ Apply for admission to Allan Hancock College at www.hancockcollege.edu.

□ Download this program application to your electronic device **prior** to filling out and saving the form. Save as a PDF file labeled with your name.

***If you do not download this document first and save it, all information will be lost. After renaming and saving the document on your electronic device, make sure it is not blank before submitting it.**

□ Attach the program application (PDF) along with an **unofficial copy** of your transcript by email to: amy.rice@hancockcollege.edu.

□ In addition, if you have completed the program prerequisites at a school other than Allan Hancock College, submit **official** transcripts directly to:
      Allan Hancock College Transcript Evaluator
      Admissions & Records Office
      800 South College Drive
      Santa Maria, CA 93454-6399
Save a copy of the application and instructions for your future reference. The application must be received by **March 31, 2024**. You will be emailed an admission decision by the last day of April.
    ***Important: Check your email frequently for any important updates and notifications.**

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Personal Information

AHC Student ID: H _____

Full Name: _____
         Last   First   Middle Initial

Other names used: _____

Mailing Address: _____
                Street   City   Zip

Phone Numbers (include area code): Home: _____ Cell:_____

Emergency contact person _____ Emergency Phone:_____

Preferred email address   _____

Education

Current status: High school senior ☐   H.S. graduate ☐   Enrolled in college ☐   College graduate ☐

List Colleges/Universities Attended

College/University	City & State	Dates Attended	Degree Earned	G.P.A.

Program Prerequisite Courses (Indicate courses completed or in progress)

Course	Semester/Year Completed	Name of College	Course Name (If not from AHC)	Grade or AP score
Biology 100				
Chemistry 120				

Veterinary Employment Experience

Hospital Name	City & State	Dates Employed	Position Held	Full-time / Part-time

Personal Statement

In order to succeed in this fast-paced technical program, students must be highly motivated, self-directed, and possess excellent study skills. Explain how you have demonstrated these characteristics in your life. How do you plan to manage your time handling a heavy school workload while fulfilling your other obligations (e.g. work, family)? Discuss your understanding of the role of a veterinary technician. What are your expectations of the Veterinary Technology Program?

By printing or typing my name below, I affirm that all information supplied on this application is complete and accurate.

Name (print or type)_____

Date_____

Completed application packets including copies of transcripts must be received by March 31, 2024. You will be emailed an admission decision by the last day of April.

Survey Question

How did you **first** hear about the Veterinary Technology Program at Allan Hancock College?

☐ newspaper ad   ☐ veterinary employer/co-worker   ☐ high school career day   ☐ AHC career day ☐ other (please explain) _____