

# VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

## Program Description

New technologies in anesthesia, laboratory equipment, diagnostic testing, and medical treatment have vastly improved animal care. To prepare for these responsibilities, the vet tech program at MCC is designed to meet the AAS degree requirements for individuals who wish to enter the job market with the skills to perform a variety of functions. Courses are taught by experienced veterinary technicians and veterinarians who are keenly aware of the expectations of future employees. This program is designed to be a two year AAS degree.

## The Team

Animal owners expect first class medical care for their companion animals and livestock. This care is provided by a team of individuals led by the veterinarian who diagnoses illness, performs surgery, and prescribes medication for his/her animal patients. The veterinarian turns to the veterinary technician to provide technical support for all aspects of animal care. Assistants, receptionists, and kennel attendants round out the health care team.

## Award Options

Associate in Applied Science Degree

## Career Options

A majority of veterinary technicians are employed in private practice, particularly companion animal practice. However, the demand for technicians in other areas is rapidly expanding. Opportunities that exist for graduate veterinary technicians include:

- speciality practice
- hospital management
- biomedical facilities
- veterinary colleges/universities
- drug/feed manufacturing companies
- humane societies & animal control facilities
- zoos and wildlife facilities
- veterinary supply sales
- military service
- industry
- food safety inspection
- diagnostic laboratories

## Job Outlook

Employment of veterinary technologists and technicians is expected to grow 36 percent over the 2014-18 projection period, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Median annual wages of veterinary technologists and technicians were \$30,20 in May 2014. The middle 50 percent earned between \$23,580 and \$34,960. The bottom 10 percent earned less than \$19,770, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$41,490. For details, please visit this link <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

Our Veterinary Technology program has received initial accreditation from the American Veterinary Medical Association's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities. This means the program meets the standards of the national accreditation board.

As For more information, please visit our website at [eicc.edu/programs](http://eicc.edu/programs).



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Tuition and fees subject to change by the EICC Board of Trustees.

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## A.A.S. Degree

### PREREQUISITE TERM

		<b>Credits</b>
BIO:114	General Biology IA*	4.00
CHM:122	Introduction to General Chemistry*	4.00
<b>Prerequisite Total</b>		<b>8.00</b>

### TERM 1

AGV:118	Animal Anatomy and Physiology I	4.00
AGV:119	Veterinary Medical Terminology	2.00
AGV:130	Clinical Technology I	3.00
AGV:186	Canine and Feline Behavior	2.00
ENG:105	Composition I*	3.00
		<u>14.00</u>

### TERM 2

AGV:127	Animal Anatomy and Physiology II	4.00
AGV:131	Clinical Technology II	3.00
AGV:133	Veterinary Clinic Pathology I	3.00
AGV:146	Large Animal Care	3.00
MAT:104	Applied Math Topics*	3.00
		<u>16.00</u>

### TERM 3 – SUMMER

AGV:113	Canine and Feline Nutrition	2.00
AGV:149	Large Animal Diseases	1.00
AGV:184	Lab Animal Medicine	2.00
HUM:110	Changes and Choices	3.00
SPC:170	Professional Communication	3.00
		<u>11.00</u>

### TERM 4

AGV:134	Veterinary Clinic Pathology II	3.00
AGV:140	Veterinary Pharmacology	3.00
AGV:182	Diagnostic Imaging	3.00
AGV:232	Clinical Technology III	4.00
AGV:248	Surgery and Anesthesia for Vet Techs	2.00
		<u>15.00</u>

### TERM 5

AGV:159	Surgical Nursing	3.00
AGV:170	Veterinary Anesthesiology	3.00
AGV:933	Internship	6.00
		<u>12.00</u>

**A.A.S. Total** ..... **76.00**

Graduates are eligible to sit for the Iowa Veterinary Technician Examination and the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE).

\* These general education courses can be taken prior to entering the program

+ Applied Math Topics MUST be taken AFTER the student has been accepted to the program

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