

The Associate of Science Veterinary Technician Program

For more information on the Veterinary Technician Program contact Carole Contel at the address and phone number listed on the attached order form.

Your program consists of four semesters, with six to seven courses in each semester. The courses are designed to provide the knowledge and skills you'll need for your new career. You will receive credit for previous college work if you meet Penn Foster College standards. If you wish to receive credit for previous coursework, contact the college you attended and ask that your official transcripts be forwarded to Penn Foster College for evaluation. All previous college work must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better, and up to 50% of the required credits may be transferred. We will also credit your tuition for all the courses that are acceptable.

We'll send your first course materials immediately after your enrollment for the first semester has been accepted. Courses will follow one at a time as you complete your required assignments, so you'll always have learning materials to work with. You can earn your Associate Degree in as little as 14 months with appropriate transfer credit, or take longer if you wish. As you complete each semester, an enrollment application for the next semester will be sent to you.

You'll need access to a computer to complete this program. We recommend the following as minimum specifications: Pentium® II or better processor, using Microsoft® Windows® XP or later, capable of running Microsoft® Office XP or 2003. You'll also need Internet access and an email account.

Here is an overview of what you'll learn and the order in which you'll receive your learning materials:

Semester 1

Basic Skills Assessment

All degree applicants must complete two Basic Skills Assessments, one in reading and one in math, to determine the level of readiness for beginning their selected program. Additional studies may be required.

VET101: Orientation to Veterinary Technology (1 credit)

Overview of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; roles of the various members of the veterinary health care team; professional ethics and legal aspects of veterinary practice; aspects of distance education in veterinary technology; and strategies for success.

VET102: Introduction to Veterinary Technology (2 credits)

Introduction to animal science and an orientation to career opportunities in the field of animal care; typical behavior characteristics of animal species with regard to humane restraint and handling; the veterinary technician's role in patient history, physical exams, grief counseling, and client education; introduction to medical terminology.

Learning Aids and Supplements included.

CSC101: Computer Literacy (3 credits)

Hardware and software; computer networks; information systems; personal computer systems; legal and ethical dilemmas.

Textbook and Study Guide included.

SC1120: Introduction to Biology (3 credits)

Origin of life; relationships between all living things; structure of organisms; how organisms work.

Textbook and Study Guide included.

VET113: Animal Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)

Structures and functions of the animal body with emphasis on the similarities and differences of domestic animals; principles of biology, body organization, and metabolism of cells, tissues, and organ systems including the respiratory, digestive, skeletal, muscular, and cardiovascular systems.

Textbook and Study Guide included.

MAT140: Medical Mathematics (3 credits)

Mathematics refresher including methods of calculating dosages and solutions.

Textbook and Study Guide included.

ENG103: Information Literacy (1 credit)

Finding and using information at libraries, at other information centers, and through electronic resources available in libraries and on the World Wide Web.

Proctored Examination*

Semester 2

VET105: Veterinary Office Management

ENG100: English Composition

MAT260: Survey of Mathematics

VET114: Animal Anatomy and Physiology II

VET120: Diagnostic Imaging

VET123: Veterinary Pharmacology

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VET130: Practicum I**

Semester 3

VET201: Clinical Pathology I

VET221: Animal Parasitology

VET223: Animal Diseases, Pathology, and Immunology

SSC130: Essentials of Psychology

VET211: Surgical Procedures

VET213: Anesthesiology

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Semester 4

VET200: Animal Care and Management

ENG121: Business and Technical Writing

VET202: Clinical Pathology II

VET225: Animal Nutrition, Reproduction, Genetics, and Aging

VET227: Laboratory Animal Science

VET229: Veterinary Technician Examination Review

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VET230: Practicum 2**

Penn Foster College's Veterinary Technician Associate Degree is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.



The Penn Foster College Grading System

Your examinations and projects will be graded on the following scale:

| Lesson Grade (Percentage) | Letter Equivalent | Rating | Quality Point Average |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 92-100 | A | Excellent | 4.0 |
| 81-91 | B | Good | 3.0 |
| 75-80 | C | Average | 2.0 |
| 70-74 | D | Passing | 1.0 |
| Below 70 | F | Failing | 0.0 |

You must complete all four semesters, pass all courses, and achieve a cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA) of 2.0, or higher, in all studies to graduate and earn your Associate Degree.

We reserve the right to change program content and materials when it becomes necessary.