FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Maine's Only 2-Year Accredited AVMA Vet Tech Program

- **What is the difference between Liberal Studies/Pre-Vet Tech and Vet Tech when choosing a major?**

  Liberal studies/pre-veterinary technology is a program designed for students to take one year of college level courses before applying to the program as well as those who need to fulfill the pre-requisites of the program. The Veterinary Technology major will allow you to begin the two-year program right away.

- **What is the primary form of communication through the application and interview process?**

  Email is used for all forms of communication through the application, interview, and acceptance process. Deadlines may be given in those emails, so it is important to check frequently during the process. Please make sure that "@yccc.edu" is added to your mailbox to prevent important messages from going to spam. Emails will only be sent Mondays-Fridays, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm from our administration.

- **Will this program allow me to become a licensed veterinary technician?**

  Yes, we are accredited by the AVMA which allows our students to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam after successful completion of their associate degree.

- **What happens if I miss the application deadline?**

  The deadline is February 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm. We strongly encourage you to apply early and to start gathering your transcripts as soon as possible. If you submit your application after the deadline, priority is given to applicants who submitted before the deadline. We encourage you to still apply if interested, but there is no guarantee that you will be considered for the interview process.

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- **I'm in high school and still taking courses. Can I still apply?**

  Yes, we will accept applications from high school seniors. We require your school to submit your most current high school transcript that includes your Fall 2022 courses by the deadline. If you have met the grade requirements and successfully complete the interview process, acceptance is contingent upon completion of your high school diploma including the minimum grade requirements (C or higher). Your final transcripts will be due July 1, 2023, so we encourage you to work closely with your administration to ensure promptness.

- **Can I complete this program at part time status?**

  The program is designed as a full-time program to have our students graduate in a two-year timespan. Part-time is not currently an option.

- **Is the program on campus or are there online options?**

  The program is accredited as an in-person program that requires our students to attend lectures in labs on campus. Many of the courses also include live animals as well where online learning is not an option.

- **What does it mean to "be at the college level"?**

  Students applying to the program must either have taken college level English and Math courses (that may transfer in). High school students must have taken four (4) years of college preparatory classes in English and Math. We are happy to help assess your individual transcripts.

- **What happens if my school uses pass/fail?**

  We do not normally accept pass/fail course work and you can be enrolled in the Liberal Studies/Pre-Veterinary Technology program to earn the college level requirement. Your institution may be able to uncover and share your final numerical or letter grade as well.

- **What is the interview like?**

  We strongly advise treating your interview like a professional job interview. We will email you a dedicated time to join us on a zoom video call. If you are unable to make that initial meeting, you will only be given one other time to attend. We do not take requests for specific dates and times. Please know we are aware that some applicants are currently in high school and will offer later afternoon times. Interviews are conducted Monday-Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. They are scheduled for 30 minutes, and we allow time for any questions you may have at the end of the interview.

- **What vaccinations are required?**

  YCCC vaccine requirements will be noted on the website **(CLICK HERE)** (State of Maine immunizations and Covid-19) These will be due by July 1, 2023 in order to register for classes if accepted to the Veterinary Technology Program. The rabies vaccine is required for all Veterinary Technology students. We advise not to start the series until accepted to the program. The CDC guidelines recommend a series of 2-3 which costs around $1500. Please note that the school does not cover the cost. Please contact us directly for any further information. The vaccine series must be completed by September 1, 2023 for all students accepted into the Veterinary Technology Program.

- **I do not have the pre-requisites. Is there an alternative?**

  Yes, we encourage you to apply for either the Liberal Studies/Pre-Veterinary Technology pathway that can prepare you for the Veterinary Technology program or consider looking at our Animal Care and Management program.

- **I noticed YCCC doesn't have a farm on campus. Where do we do our labs?**

  Labs occur within a 1-hour radius of the Wells campus at our partnering off campus facilities. You are required to have your own mode of transportation for these labs. Please note we do not offer a shuttle service to these sites. Attendance for all labs in the program is mandatory.

- **Are there any internships involved?**

  Yes, there are two unpaid practicums. VET 190 is run during the summer semester between year 1 & 2 for 135 hours. VET 290 is run during your last semester of second year for 165 hours. Many students can select their own clinics, but help is provided from our program director for placement if needed.

- **Are there any opportunities for paid internships?**

  Currently, we do not offer any paid internships.