

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY



A.A.S. Degree

SICCM Program Special Admissions Program (See Admission Requirements below)

Minimum 68 hours

Career & Technical Education • Associate in Applied Science • Minimum 2.0 OGPA • Major Code: DVETT

STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THIS PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAM TO BECOME A CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN.

Obtain A 'Vet Tech Admission Packet' from the Nursing and Allied Health Office, T-236, 618-252-5400, ext. 2331 or G-130, 618-252-5400, ext. 2302.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is March 1 of each year for classes beginning in August of that year.

See www.SICCM.com The Veterinary Technology Program offered through SICCM, the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market, is an Associate in Applied Science Program designed to prepare students to be fully qualified Certified Veterinary Technicians. Students take general education courses on their own campuses and VET courses together in a SICCM centralized classroom and at clinical sites which are sometimes out of our immediate area. During the program, students will develop entry-level competencies in both administrative and technical skills necessary to assist the veterinarian in all phases of medicine and surgery for small, large, exotic and lab animals. Students will develop entry-level competencies to treat and diagnose medical conditions and diseases and to perform medical tests such as urinalysis, blood counts, and tissue samples. Upon completion of this Veterinary Technology Program, the Technician must be able to demonstrate the entry-level competencies and technical skills to administer medication and vaccines, obtain and record case history and physical exams, advise and educate animal owners in nutrition and animal health, read and fill veterinary prescriptions, expose and develop radiographs, prepare animals, instruments and equipment for surgery, assist in diagnostic, medical and surgical procedures, assist in administration of anesthesia to all species of animals, perform dental prophylaxes, and collect specimens and perform laboratory procedures. Students also obtain skills in client education, grief counseling and public relations.

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester		Credit Hrs
MATH 141 or MATH 144 or MATH 151	Statistics Heart of Mathematics Occupational Math	4
VET 110	Small Animal Nursing I	3
VET 112	Animal Anatomy & Phys I	4
VET 117	Animal Radiology	2
VET 118	Vet Practice Management	2
BIOL 242*	Microbiology	4
Total Hours		19

Spring Semester		Credit Hrs
VET 111	Small Animal Nursing II	3
VET 113	Animal Anatomy & Phys II	3
VET 116	Large Animal Nursing	3
VET 119	Animal Clinical Lab I	3
VET 133	Animal Surgical Tech I	3
VET 138	Animal Pharmacology I	2
Total Hours		17

Summer Session		Credit Hrs
VET 231	Vet Tech Internship I	3

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester		Credit Hrs
COM 121	Principles of Speaking	3
SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE		3
VET 219	Animal Clinical Lab II	3
VET 233	Animal Surgical Tech II	3
VET 238	Animal Pharmacology II	2
VET 239	Animal Diseases	2
Total Hours		16

Spring Semester		Credit Hrs
ENG 121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
VET 232	Vet Tech Internship II	4
VET 235	Laboratory and Exotic Animals	3
VET 236	Animal Management and Nutrition	3
Total Hours		13

* Prerequisite: High School chemistry with a grade of "C" or higher. If no high school chemistry, CHEM 123 is needed for BIOL 242. Students planning to transfer and pursue a baccalaureate degree, should, when given a choice, enroll in the general education course that is IAI GECC approved and articulated with participating Illinois institutions. All courses require a grade of "C" or better.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Submit the Admission Data Form to the Enrollment Services Office at SIC, have your high school transcript and any previous college coursework sent to SIC, take the Asset Test (exempt with ACT of 20+) and take the HOAE Entrance Exam by March 1st at SIC. A "VET TECH Application Packet" may be obtained from the Nursing and Allied Health Office, T-236, 618-252-5400, ext. 2331, or G-130, ext. 2302, at Southeastern Illinois College and all required documents returned by March 1st. **The PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (HOAE) must be taken by March 1st. Contact the Testing Coordinator at 618/252-5400, ext. 2442 in the Student Success Center, Rm. A145 (A Bldg, 1st floor) to take this test.** This exam may be taken a maximum of two times within one academic year with the highest score used for determination of admission. There is a required minimum test score of 150 on the HOAE exam. Ranking order of students will be made using the student's entrance exam score plus points awarded to applicants for grades received in general education courses completed within the Veterinary Technology curriculum. Points will be awarded based upon the letter grade earned in the course. Transfer courses approved by the college with the Vet Tech curriculum will also be considered. Five students will be accepted from each college each year.

ACCREDITATION: Program graduates will qualify to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam administered in Champaign, Illinois by the Professional Examination Service. See the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations www.idfpr.com, Division of Professional Regulations, P.O. Box 707 Springfield, Illinois 62791. This examination may be taken prior to or immediately after graduation from the SICCM Veterinary Technology Program. A felony conviction may adversely affect ability to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam.

Occupational information about this program is available at O*NET online www.onetonline.org. Once at that website enter the SOC Code that is listed for this program. O*NET – SOC Code: 25-1071.00, 29-2056.00

Career Opportunities:

Veterinary Technician

Major Employers:

Veterinarians, Animal Clinics, Animal Hospitals