

Associate Degree VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

PROGRAM OUTLINE



Your program consists of four semesters and is designed to provide the knowledge and skills that will help put you on the path to pursuing a career as a veterinary technician. 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. Only general education coursework will be evaluated for potential credit transfer. Credits earned in Penn Foster College programs may transfer to some, but not all, learning institutions. Students who plan to continue their education with another school after completing coursework at Penn Foster College should check with that school regarding credit transfer policies. No form of accreditation guarantees that any learning institution will accept credits from any school as transfer credits.

Your first course will be available as soon as your enrollment for the first semester has been accepted. Additional courses will open as you complete your required assignments.* As you complete each semester, an enrollment application for the next semester will be sent to you.

As you know, the Veterinary Technician program is an online academic program. This means that you will need high-speed Internet access to begin your program. In addition, you will need access to a Microsoft® Windows® based computer running Windows® 7 or later or an Apple® Mac® computer running OS X® or later, and an email account to participate in and complete your program. You have the choice to receive your textbooks digitally or in the mail.

Your program includes:

Semester 1

- ▶ Basic Skills Assessment
- ▶ VET101 - Orientation to Veterinary Technology (1 credit)
- ▶ VET102 - Introduction to Veterinary Technology (2 credits)
- ▶ ENG103 - Information Literacy (1 credit)
- ▶ CSCI04 - Computer Applications (3 credits)
- ▶ SCII20 - Introduction to Biology (3 credits)
- ▶ VET113 - Animal Anatomy and Physiology 1 (4 credits)
- ▶ VET114 - Animal Anatomy and Physiology 2 (4 credits)
- ▶ Proctored Examination*

Semester 2

- ▶ ENG100 - English Composition (3 credits)
- ▶ VET106 - Veterinary Office Management and Skill with People (3 credits)
- ▶ MAT102 - Mathematical Applications (3 credits)
- ▶ VET110 - Medical Nursing for Veterinary Technician (3 credits)
- ▶ MAT140 - Medical Mathematics (3 credits)
- ▶ VET124 - Pharmacology for Veterinary Technician (3 credits)
- ▶ VET131 - Clinical Externship 1 (4 credits)
- ▶ Proctored Examination*

Semester 3

- ▶ VET201 - Clinical Pathology 1 (3 credits)
- ▶ VET202 - Clinical Pathology 2 (3 credits)
- ▶ Arts and Humanities Elective (Choose one) (3 credits)
 - HUM102 - Art Appreciation
 - HUM104 - Music Appreciation
- ▶ VET212 - Anesthesia for Veterinary Technicians (3 credits)
- ▶ VET214 - Surgical Nursing for Veterinary Technicians (3 credits)
- ▶ VET222 - Clinical Parasitology for Veterinary Technicians (3 credits)
- ▶ Proctored Examination*

Semester 4

- ▶ VET220 - Radiography for Veterinary Technicians (3 credits)
- ▶ VET224 - Small and Large Animal Medicine (3 credits)
- ▶ SSC130 - Essentials of Psychology (3 credits)
- ▶ VET225 - Animal Nutrition, Reproduction, Genetics, and Aging (3 credits)
- ▶ VET228 - Laboratory Animal Medicine and Nursing (3 credits)
- ▶ VET229 - Veterinary Technician Examination Review (1 credit)
- ▶ Proctored Examination*
- ▶ VET231 - Clinical Externship 2 (4 credits)

The Penn Foster College Grading System

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

Lesson Grade	Letter	Rating	QPA
90-100	A	Excellent	4.0
80-89	B	Good	3.0
70-79	C	Average	2.0
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.

***Proctored Exams:** You may select the location and the person you want to supervise any proctored exam subject to Penn Foster College's then current requirements for proctored exams. Complete information packets with exam procedures and requirements will be provided to you in advance of the scheduled exam date.

Additional Program Notes:

1. Courses for students with advanced standing may vary from the above program curriculum and schedule.
2. A High School Diploma or GED is required to enroll in this program.
3. Credits earned in Penn Foster programs may transfer to some, but not all, learning institutions. The decision to accept credits is up to the individual school.
4. If you are planning to continue your education with another school after you complete coursework with Penn Foster College, you should check with that school regarding credit transfer policies.
4. Penn Foster reserves the right to change program content and materials as appropriate.

This program requires the student to complete an externship in both Semester 2 and Semester 4. Students will be required to obtain health insurance prior to the start of their externships. All costs associated with the externships are the responsibility of the student. Students are asked to identify externship sites and are expected to complete a minimum of 450 hours of practice in the program. The Vet Clinical Coordinator validates that the placement is in a viable environment that provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate the required competencies.