

# Veterinary Technology





# Elkhorn Campus

400 County Road H Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Veterinary Technician**  
**Associate Degree**



# How do I become a Vet Technician?

## Apprenticeship

- Youth Apprenticeship
  - Gain a job at an veterinary clinic
  - Learn while you are working
- Earn a technical diploma in Vet Assistant

OR

## Associate Degree

- **Veterinary Technician**
- Technical Skills classes
- General Education Classes

# Did you know?

- Vets don't just take care of dogs and cats
- Vets were in the front line of the effort to stop malaria and yellow fever in the US
- Almost 80% of practicing vets are females
- Since 46.3 million households in the US own a dog, they are the most common patient of vets

# CAREER PATHWAY

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## Veterinary Technician

### Previous Credit

There are many opportunities, both in high school and through previous college, work, and/or military experience, to earn credit at Gateway.

For more information about earning credit in high school and opportunities for credit for prior learning, please see reverse side.

### Technical Diploma

#### Veterinary Assistant (36 Credits)

Potential Jobs:

- Veterinary Assistant
- Animal Caretaker
- Emergency Veterinary Assistant

Median Income:  
\$11.20 per hour  
\$23,296 annually

NOTE: Course 091-120 Animal Behavior (1 Cr.) does not transfer into the Veterinary Technician associate degree.

### Associate Degree

#### Veterinary Technician (64 Credits)

Potential Jobs:

- Veterinary Technician
- Veterinary Lab Technician
- Emergency Veterinary Technician

Median Income:  
\$14.46 per hour  
\$30,077 annually

Students who complete this program are prepared to earn industry-recognized certifications, including:

- Certified Veterinary Technician

### Career

Students are prepared to enter their career field at any point along the pathway and advance as they complete higher-level credentials.

### Bachelor's Degree

Transfer up to 64 credits via existing articulation agreements with colleges such as:

- Herzing University
- Franklin University
- Lakeland University
- Mount Mary University
- Ottawa University

# What will you learn?

## Veterinary Technician (10-091-1)

Associate of Applied Science

Effective 2020/2021

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here. All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.

E-D = Elkhorn/days, O = Online, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course #	Cr.	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	E-D
1	890-155	1	📍 Gateway to Success (G2S)		SU
1	806-105	4	📖 Principles of Animal Biology		SU
2	*091-101	3	Animal Care and Management	Prereq: Instructor Consent Coreq: 806-105	F
2	*091-102	3	Veterinary Business Practices	Coreq: 091-101	F
2	*091-123	2	Veterinary Medical Terminology		F
2	*091-120	1	Animal Behavior		F
2	801-136	3	English Composition I <sup>1,14</sup>	Prereq: 831-103 OR 831-107	F
3	*091-103	4	📖 Clinical Pathology I for Vet Sciences <sup>12</sup>	Prereq: 091-101; 091-102; 806-105	S
3	*091-105	3	Surgical Procedures I for Vet Sciences	Coreq: 091-103	S
3	*091-107	3	Imaging for Veterinary Sciences	Coreq: 091-103	S
3	801-196 OR 801-198	3 OR 3	Oral/Interpersonal Communication Speech		S
4	*091-108	3	Veterinary Pharmacology <sup>1</sup>	Prereq: 834-109; Coreq: 091-110	SU
4	*091-110	2	Clinical Skills I for Vet Sciences	Prereq: 801-136; 091-105 & Instructor Consent	SU
4	*091-111	2	Clinical Skills II for Vet Sciences	Prereq: 091-110 & Instructor Consent	SU
5	*091-104	4	Clinical Pathology II for Vet Sciences <sup>13</sup>	Coreq: 091-106; 806-197	F
5	*091-106	3	Surgical Procedures II for Vet Sciences	Prereq: 091-108; 091-111	F
5	*091-109	2	Lab Animals and Non-Traditional Pets	Coreq: 091-104	F
5	*091-113	3	Anesthesia for Veterinary Technicians	Prereq: 091-108; 091-111; Coreq: 091-106	F
5	806-197	4	Microbiology <sup>3</sup>	Prereq: 806-105 OR 806-177	F
6	*091-112	3	Clinical Skills III for Veterinary Science	Prereq: 091-106 & Instructor Consent	S
6	*091-114	4	Veterinary Tech. Clinical Internship	Prereq: 091-112 & Instructor Consent	S
6	809-166	3	Ethics: Theory and Apps, Intro to <sup>1</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 831-107	S
6	809-198	3	Psychology, Introduction to <sup>1,2,14</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 831-107	S

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 66

# Interested in Getting Started Now?

## In High School...

- Youth Apprenticeship
- Gateway Classes
  - Principles of Animal Biology
  - Veterinary Medical Terminology
  - Animal Behavior





# EXPLORE!



# Ready Set...Be a Vet Tech and ask these questions about the dog

## Directions

- Set up a patient room (you can use your bed, couch or the floor)
- Have a parent or sibling be the dog's owner and tell you about how there dog will not stop itching
- Ask the owner the questions on the evaluation sheet

## Supplies

- A dog, real or a stuffed animal
- Q-tip
- Tweezers
- Tape
- Evaluation sheet
  - Sheet
  - You may need Adobe to open the form

Next

# Directions

- After completing the worksheet, complete the following laboratory testing (if you are doing this check-up on your dog, **do NOT** actually swab their ears or pluck their hair. Just get close enough to make it look like you are).

## Laboratory Testing:

Ear Swab—to identify any infections in the ear including yeast and/or bacteria

Skin Scrape/Hair Pluck—to detect scabies or demodex mites

Impression Smear/Tape Prep—to detect other parasites and check for presence of yeast and/or bacteria

Be sure to send us pictures of you being  
Veterinary Technician!

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