

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY (VTE)

(SELECTIVE)

All candidates applying to the Veterinary Technology program must attend a selective health information session prior to submitting their application to the program. All candidates must review the full application for admission which can be found by visiting: <https://mwcc.edu/apply> (<https://mwcc.edu/apply/>).

Minimum GPA Requirement

Applicants must provide documentation of a minimum high school GPA of 2.7 and/or a minimum GPA of 2.7 from a previously attended college.

Math Proficiency

Competency may be met with successful completion of a math course equal to MAT 126 Topics In Mathematics or higher (not MAT 140 Elements Of Mathematics I) with a grade of C+ or better or through college placement testing. If math competency for admission to the program is met through placement testing, a math course will still be required to graduate from the program.

Science Requirement

BIO 109 Concepts in Biology (preferred) or BIO 113 or BIO 118) with a grade of C+ or better, completed no more than ten years prior to the program's application deadline.

English Requirement

Students must complete an English course equal to or greater than ENG 098 - Fundamentals of Writing with a grade of C+ or higher.

Applicants must submit the following to the Admissions Office:

- A completed Veterinary Technology admission application (available through the MWCC Admissions Office (<https://mwcc.edu/admissions/>)).
- Satisfaction of high school diploma or equivalency requirement as described in the college's general admissions requirements.
- Documentation demonstrating that all minimum requirements for consideration have been met.
- Official transcripts of all college-level courses completed at colleges other than MWCC. Transfer credits for education completed outside of the United States must be evaluated for equivalency to US credentials through an acceptable credential evaluating agency, such as **Spantran - MWCC Pathway** (offers discounted services), **Center for Educational Documentation (CED)** or **World Education Services (WES)**. Additional agencies may be found www.naces.org.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores, if applicable.
- Proof of attendance at mandatory selective programs information session prior to application submission.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR VTE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ACCEPTANCE TO THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AND BEFORE COURSES BEGIN:

- Complete physical health examination conducted within the past two years by a licensed health care provider.
- Immunization Requirements for Health Science Students: Two (2) doses Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine; two (2) doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine; three (3) doses Hepatitis B vaccine AND Hepatitis B titer showing immunity to the disease; one (1) TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine within 10 years; one (1) dose Meningococcal vaccine (ages 16-21); annual Influenza vaccine; full COVID vaccination (either one dose or two doses depending on the manufacturer). Additional boosters may be required during the program duration as designated by clinical sites; initial "2 step" PPD or Quantiferon Gold TB blood test and then annual TB testing (negative chest x-ray within 5 years AND annual TB Questionnaire also accepted). Contact the Health Services Office at 978-630-9136 for more information.
- Rabies vaccination will be required before the first internship or 2nd year, whichever comes first. The fee for this is included in the veterinary technician program fee.

- Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 coverage is required. Students will be covered under the college's liability insurance policy, which will be billed through student fees.
- All students must participate in the Massachusetts Community College Health Insurance Plan or provide accurate information regarding comparable coverage.

CORI/SORI Policy for VTE

Compliance with licensure laws in the state of Massachusetts requires all applicants to furnish satisfactory proof of “good moral character” (M.G.L. Chapter 112, Sections 74 and 74A). Students will be required to complete a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) check. It must be understood that a conviction in a court of law may prevent students from being placed in a clinical agency. This then will not allow successful completion of the Veterinary Technology program. In addition, it will delay and may prohibit eligibility to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE).

Individuals requiring CORI checks must also have Sexual Offender Records Information (SORI) checks completed as well, consistent with current Commonwealth of Massachusetts law MGLC 178-C-178P. Record storage and usage will be in compliance with college procedures depending on the result of a CORI or SORI check, as a person’s eligibility in the program may be affected.

Please contact the MWCC Office of Admissions at 978-630-9447 or at admissions@mwcc.mass.edu (admissions@mwcc.edu) for more information, to obtain an application, or to attend an information session for the Veterinary Technology program.