



## Veterinary Technology Program PART TIME HYBRID APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the part time hybrid study option for the Veterinary Technology (VTEC) program will **require me to attend 3 weeks per year of full time in-person classes** at the Douglas College David Lam Campus in Coquitlam, BC. *Note that the College does not provide accommodation. You will be responsible for arranging (and paying for) your own accommodation and travel for the on-Campus weeks.*

I understand that **I will be required to work in a veterinary hospital that serves dogs and cats, for a minimum of 1 day per week** (2-3 days/ week recommended), **starting in the 4th semester (2nd year)**. I will be responsible for finding a suitable place of employment, that will mentor me and provide me with opportunities to practice and be evaluated on VTEC essential skills.

I understand that **I need to have access to suitable computer equipment** to take part in online and hybrid courses. I also understand that in the second semester (1st year) of the program I need to have access to a friendly and compliant dog or cat on which to practice restraint and physical examination skills.

*Midterms and final exams for online and hybrid courses will be proctored by a 3rd party organization external to Douglas College: I understand that I will be responsible for scheduling and paying for the proctoring service (~\$10-15 USD per exam).*

*If you have physical or mental health challenges you must have a plan in place to manage those challenges during the VTEC program. **Veterinary allergic reactions to animals or animal bedding is common, and symptoms may worsen progressively with the repeated exposure during the VTEC Program.***

- I understand that the VTEC Program is physically, mentally and emotionally demanding.
- **I certify that I am mentally and physically able to participate in the VTEC Program**, and will consult my physician, other health care provider(s) and/or College Accessibility Services, as required, to ensure I am able to complete all program requirements.

I understand that there may be an increased risk of exposure to tetanus due to my participation in the VTEC program. **I certify that I have had a tetanus vaccine booster within the last 10 years.**

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**I will be 18 years of age by December 31st of the year I enter the program** (a radiation safety requirement).

I declare that all information provided for my application for entry into the VTEC program, is complete and true in every respect. **I understand that failure to completely and truthfully answer questions or to provide false information, may result in denial of entry or removal from the VTEC program.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant requirement NOTES (Part time hybrid Fall 2024 Entry):

1. On campus weeks:
  - YEAR 1: February 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2024 PLUS May 12<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>
  - YEAR 2: Last 3 weeks in June
  - YEAR 3: First 3 weeks in June
  - *NOTE 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year on-campus week dates are subject to change but will not run later than July 15<sup>th</sup>*
2. There are FOUR Clinical Placement courses in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters. Each of these clinical Placement courses requires a MINIMUM 1 day a week work in a veterinary hospital that services BOTH dogs and cats (2-3 days a week recommended). The work can be paid or unpaid. Students are responsible for finding their own work placement, however VTEC can assist students by providing relevant industry contacts.
3. Students must have appropriate computer equipment for online learning:
  - Supported Operating Systems: Windows 8, Windows 10, Mac OS 10.12, Mac OS 10.13, Mac OS 10.14, iOS, Android, Windows Mobile, Chrome OS
  - Internet: Minimum speed of 1.5 Mbps download, 750 Kbps upload
  - Webcam, headset with built in microphone and speakers
  - Detailed requirements can be found [HERE](#)
4. Registration information and detailed costings for the exam proctoring service will be provided at the start of the first semester.
5. Please note that all accommodation requests to [College Accessibility services](#) require appropriate documentation. Please [contact accessibility services](#) for further information.
6. Tetanus is a potentially deadly bacterial disease which is transmitted primarily through wounds contaminated by soil. Veterinary industry personnel have a higher risk of wounds through bites and scratches, and working in farms and stables carries a higher risk of soil contamination in those wounds. A tetanus booster is required every 10 years.
7. Rabies is a rare but deadly disease transmitted through the bites of infected animals: it is endemic in **bats** in BC but the bite of any unvaccinated animal (especially carnivores: cats, dogs, ferrets, raccoons, skunks etc) could carry the risk of rabies. Veterinary Technology students are eligible for free rabies vaccines, however students will be required to make arrangements with their local GP or travel clinic to obtain the course of 3 vaccine doses over a 4 week period. Students will be required to show proof of vaccination by June 30<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the part time study option. Students must be vaccinated prior to starting the Clinical Placement 1 course.
8. Students under the age of 18 years old will not be permitted to work in the radiography suite.