



## Veterinary Technology (VTEC) Program – APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY including NOTES below and sign where indicated:**

1. I understand that the Douglas College VTEC Program is an intense full-time 2 year diploma program, with 5-6 courses per semester and employment may not be possible during the school year.<sup>SEE NOTE 1</sup> **I certify that I will have adequate financial capacity to complete the VTEC Program.**
2. I understand that as part of the VTEC Program I will be required to travel throughout the Lower Mainland for practicums, field trips & labs. I understand that many of these sites are not on transit routes and that carpooling is not always possible. **I certify that I will be responsible for my own transportation needs whilst in the VTEC program, including all associated costs.**
3. I understand that the VTEC Program is physically, mentally and emotionally demanding.<sup>SEE NOTE 2</sup> **I certify that I am mentally and physically able to fully participate in the VTEC Program and will consult my physician or other health care provider(s) as needed to ensure completion of all program requirements.**
4. I understand that there may be an increased risk of exposure to Tetanus due to my participation in the VTEC program.<sup>SEE NOTE 3</sup> **I certify that I have had a tetanus vaccine booster within the last 10 years and will maintain my tetanus vaccination up to date whilst registered as a VTEC student at Douglas College.**
5. I understand that there is increased risk of exposure to Rabies due to exposure to unvaccinated animals during the VTEC program. Worksafe BC and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association require all veterinary technology students to be vaccinated for rabies.<sup>SEE NOTE 4</sup> **I certify that I will complete the required series of 3 rabies vaccines: after accepting my seat offer, before the first day of classes in September and at my own cost if I am not able to access free provincially-funded vaccines.**
6. **I certify that I will be 18 years of age by December 31 of program start.**<sup>SEE NOTE 5</sup>
7. 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 requested information, may result in denial of entry or removal from the VTEC program.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### Applicant Requirement NOTES (Full-Time 2025 Entry):

1. The VTEC program courses are scheduled in the Fall and Winter semesters from early September to late April. There are three required practicums in this program: the first practicum is 2 weeks to be scheduled after April final exams in 1<sup>st</sup> year. Alternatively, students may complete a Co-op term in the summer semester between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> practicum (3 weeks) takes place during the final semester and the 3<sup>rd</sup> practicum (4 weeks) takes place between final exams in April of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and May long weekend. Students must be prepared for the additional costs associated with these practicums including monthly U-Pass costs.
2. If you have physical or mental health challenges, you must have a plan in place to manage those challenges during the VTEC program. This program requires the handling and care of a variety of animal species including companion and farm animals. Allergic reactions to animals or animal bedding is common and symptoms may worsen progressively with the repeated exposure during the VTEC Program. Please also note that all accommodation requests to [College Accessibility services](#) require appropriate documentation. Please [contact accessibility services](#) for further information.
3. 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.
4. 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 resident in BC are eligible for free rabies vaccines, however students will be required to make arrangements with their local Public Health Unit or participating pharmacy to obtain the course of 3 vaccine doses over a 4 week period. Details regarding how to book these vaccine appointments will be provided within 2 weeks of us receiving your acceptance of this seat offer. Students receiving seat offers prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> will be required to show proof of rabies vaccination by August 31<sup>st</sup>, and prior to the first day of classes.
  - If you have already received the rabies vaccine, proof of vaccination within 10 years or a rabies serum titre test (within 12 months) will be required.
5. Students under the age of 18 years old will not be permitted to work in the radiography suite.

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