



# Veterinary Technology Program Information Session



# What is a Licensed Veterinary Technician?

- Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT)
- Has graduated from an AVMA accredited Program and has passed their National (VTNE) and state exams.
- LVT host a vast amount of knowledge and can work in several different aspects.
- LVTs can go on to gain a Bachelor in Veterinary Technology or become “specialized” in a certain area of the field (VTS).



# What can I do as an LVT?

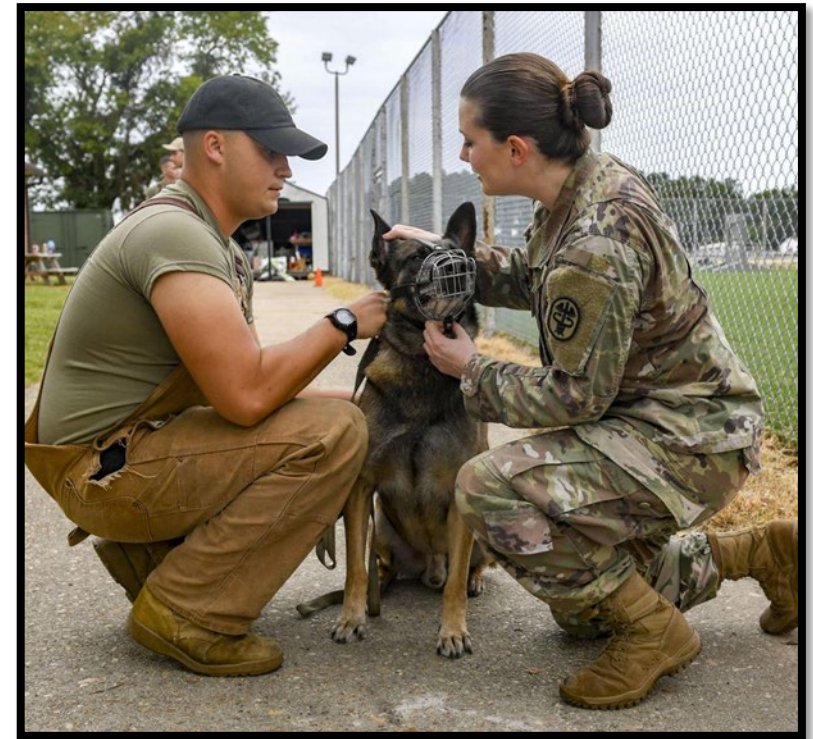
- LVTs take on the clinical/technical role. This includes:
  - Perform physical examinations
  - Perform diagnostic tests (blood work, radiographs, urinalysis, cytology, fecal floats, and more!)
  - Perform/monitor anesthesia (induction, maintenance, and recovery)
  - Fill prescriptions
  - Assist in surgical procedures
  - Give medical treatments – IV fluids, medications, nutritional support
  - Perform dental procedures
  - Help in emergencies/codes
  - Aid in client communications
  - Be the patient's advocate!
  - And MORE!!!!
- **LVTs cannot diagnose, prognose, prescribe, perform surgery**





# Vet Tech Salary

- As of January 2025, the average hourly pay for a Vet Tech in Texas is \$20 an hour.
- Average starting salary: \$35,000-\$45,000
- This pay rate increases with experience and added education/certificates.
- Pay rate will also depend on the field of the profession you practice in- with research/specialty hospitals paying higher.



# Career Choices

- Private Practice
- Specialty
- Zoo/Exotics
- Wildlife Preserves
- Research
- Military
- Pharmaceutical Sales
- Academia
- Reproduction/Breeding
- Clinical Pathology/Laboratory
- And MORE!



# Blinn Veterinary Technology Program

- Offer a 2 year Traditional or 3-year Hybrid Program (60 credits)
- Graduates will receive an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology
- Accredited through the AVMA CVTEA
  - Graduates will be eligible to sit for national and state exams



# Tracks

- Traditional Track
  - 2-year Program
  - Lectures are in person
  - Laboratories in person: 3-5 days out of the week.
  - Intended for the traditional college student
- Hybrid Track
  - 3-year Program
  - Lectures are synchronous, online
  - Laboratories are in person (once-twice a month)
  - Intended for experienced veterinary assistants that work at least 30 hours a week. This is a requirement of the Program



# Location Details

- Campus- Texas A&M Teaching Hospital
  - Required to purchase TAMU parking tag
- Program also utilizes the following for laboratories:
  - Bryan Animal Center
  - Texas A&M Comparative Medicine Program
  - Texas A&M Vet Med Park
  - Texas A&M Small/Large Animal Departments
  - Winnie Carter Wildlife Center
  - Others as needed/field trips
- Therefore, must have reliable transportation.





# How to get Started

- Complete all pre-requisite with a C or better
  - BIOL 1406
  - ENGL 1301
  - MATH 1314 or 1324
- Also recommend completing co-reqs if able
  - BIOL 2420
  - SPCH 1318
  - PHIL 2306
- Perform 40 hours of supervised clinical experience



# Review our Application

- Strengthen your Application
  - Competitive GPA
  - Veterinary experience
  - Working experience
  - Professional Certificates
  - Strong letters of recommendation
  - Extracurricular activities
- Application includes an essay
- Applications are accepted starting January 16<sup>th</sup>
- Interview with Director/Clinical Coordinator
  
- We accept 16 students into the Traditional Program and 8 into the Hybrid each Fall



# Application Questions

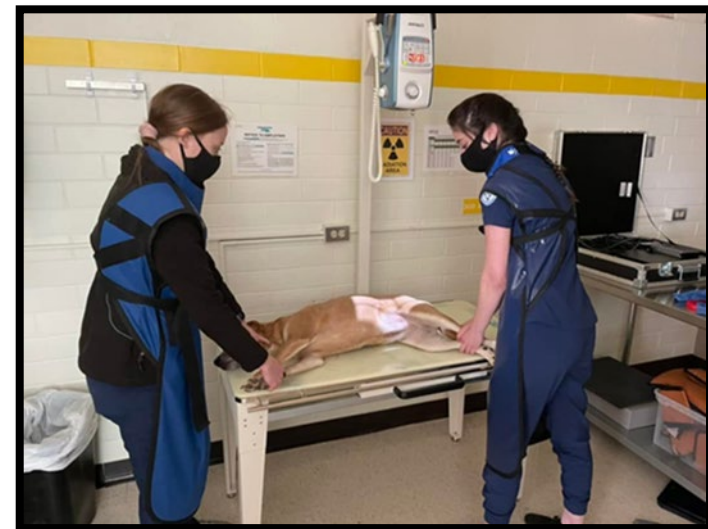
- Transfers for pre/co-reqs?
  - Yes- must send in official transcript directly to Blinn for approval
- Transferring Vet Tech Courses
  - Only for courses that do not have hands on essential skills attached (Med Term, Pharm Calc, Anatomy).
- Testing Out
  - Do not provide
- Do hours working on my CVA count towards the 40 hour requirement?
  - Yes- as long as you have the DVM or LVT sign off on them





# Application Questions Cont.

- How rough is the interview?
  - About 15 minutes
  - Business casual
  - Questions about you
- When will we hear back if we've been accepted?
  - Usually within one month after the last days applications are accepted.



# Required Vaccinations

- Hepatitis B
  - Tetanus
  - Meningococcal (if under 22)
  - Rabies\*
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- Rabies vaccine can be purchased through your own provider or Blinn College at a discounted price.



# Schedule

- How do we register?
  - If you are accepted into the program, we will register you for all your VTHT classes.
  - You will be responsible for registering for any co-requisites
- What is the schedule like?
  - Depends on the semester
  - Usually 3-5 days/week





# Contact Information

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