



VETERINARY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

To qualify for financial aid and to receive program updates, submit item #1 and complete the Accuplacer Assessment test immediately (see back for details). Students who complete the above steps and are currently enrolled in a BTC course may be eligible to register by appointment before the general public.

To be eligible for program entry on a space available basis you must submit a complete packet containing all of the following items. Forms can be downloaded from the BTC website at: www.btc.ctc.edu Student Resources/Admissions & Advising/Publications & Forms.

1. An Admissions Application identifying the year and quarter you want to start. New students are admitted into the Vet Tech program full-time only.
2. The Applicant Notification: Washington State Patrol Criminal History Background Check form.
3. Evidence of high school graduation or equivalent (high school diploma, high school transcript, GED certificate, or college degree). Running Start students are not permitted.
4. A completed "Task Completion/Observation" form signed by the veterinarian, veterinary technician, or manager of a small or large animal care facility documenting at least 20 hours as a volunteer, observer, or employment.
5. A signed Informed Consent of Risks form (including signature of legal guardian if under 18 years of age).
6. The "Veterinary Technician Application Completion Form" verifying completion of all admissions steps.
7. Official transcripts in sealed envelopes containing evidence of completion of required general education courses listed below. BTC transcripts can be unofficial.

BTC Veterinary Technician General Education	Credits	Grade	Course Prerequisites
English Composition (ENGL& 101)	5	2.0	COM170 or Reading & Sentence Skills assessment score
General Psychology (PSYC& 100) or equivalent	5	2.0	COM 170, ENGL& 101, or Reading & Sentence Skills assessment score
Math in Society (MATH&107) or Precalculus I (MATH&141) or Intro. to Statistics (MATH&146)	5	2.0	Intermediate Algebra (MATH 099) or BTC College Level Math test score
Transfer-level elective course – BIOL&, or CHEM&, or PHYS&, are <i>strongly</i> recommended	5	2.0	See advisor for additional course options and prerequisite details
Introduction to Computers (CAP 101) or equivalent	5	2.0	RDG 085 or Reading Comprehension assessment score

Send program application materials & transcripts to:

**Bellingham Technical College
ATTN: ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT
3028 Lindbergh Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225**

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Financial Aid Eligibility

If you are attending Bellingham Technical College to obtain your general education requirements, you may apply for financial aid to help defray the cost of course work. In order to determine your eligibility for aid, you will need to complete the following two requirements prior to submitting a complete packet in addition to filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- A. Take the Accuplacer assessment tests (or be waived from them) to determine course and program placement. The assessment tests are offered four times weekly at a variety of days and times. Call 360-752-8345 to schedule a testing appointment or to inquire about test waiver.
- B. Submit a Degree/Certificate Program Admissions Application identifying the year and quarter you want to start.

Curriculum Schedule and Sequence

After acceptance into the Veterinary Technician program and prior to beginning the first quarter, students are required to:

- Submit \$10 payment for the criminal background check processing fee
- Complete the Health Status Report including a physical within the 6 months prior to clinical
- Be 18 years of age
- Submit proof of current personal or student medical insurance

The Veterinary Technician program at Bellingham Technical College will be offered in a unique way in that there is an early-out certificate option as a Veterinary Assistant. The program will use a variety of delivery models, whereas some students will have a mix of face-to-face instruction, independent study, web-based tools, and on-line segments.

The full-time program is 6 quarters (2 years) and does not operate during the summer quarters. Courses will normally be scheduled* Monday through Thursday during the hours of 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. After the first two quarters, students who are interested in exiting the program with a certificate in Veterinary Assisting will then need to enroll in VET 117, Clinical Internship.

*When required lab components require students to be at an off-site veterinary facility, the schedule is subject to change to other days and times of the week, depending on availability.

Advanced Placement

Entry into the program with advanced standing is possible for students who have completed all of the required course work for the first and/or second quarter. Students must meet all admissions criteria and should apply for advanced standing in writing and submit official transcripts at the time of request. For further information or questions please contact the Continuing Education Department at 360-752-8447.

State Licensure Requirements

In order to be eligible to apply for licensure in Washington state and take the state Veterinary Technician Exam, you must:

1. Complete the Veterinary Technician program;
2. Be of good moral character; and
3. Complete 4 hours of AIDS Education. AIDS affidavit must be initialed and dated. AIDS training may include self-study, direct patient care, courses, or formal training, required by WAC 246-12-260. Course content can be found at WAC 246-12-270

If you have questions or need additional information about the assessment or admissions process, please feel free to contact Admissions at 360-752-8345.