

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Veterinary Technology (VETT) prepares students with knowledge and skills necessary to provide general veterinary nursing care and technical assistance in the varied disciplines found in the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery. These include nurse anesthetist, operating room technician, radiology technician, dental hygienist, medical laboratory technician, as well as clinical and practice management. The program is recognized by the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and is currently preparing for accreditation evaluation by the American Veterinary Medical Association’s Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities. Students that complete the program are qualified to sit for state and national licensing examinations and enter into practice as a licensed veterinary technician. The Veterinary Technology Program has entered into a unique partnership with the Western Veterinary Conference that allows sharing of resources such as facilities, equipment, and educational opportunities to augment the student’s learning experience. This partnership also makes available nationally and internationally recognized Doctors of Veterinary Medicine that act as visiting instructors in many disciplines. Entrance requirements into this Certificate program require; documented 2,000 hours work experience in the role of a veterinary assistant (this does not include exclusively kennel assistant or receptionist experience), must be currently employed in a veterinary hospital, and have access to video recording equipment. Essential clinical and laboratory skills must be documented by video recording and submitted digitally or by hard copy for grading review. Alternatively, local students may register for and attend in-class laboratories and Directed Clinical Practice rotations. (If an Associate of Applied Science degree is desired, then documented proof of general education requirements must be submitted to CSN for approval, and completion of an additional semester of Directed Clinical Practice is required.)

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and skills to pass the national and state board examinations for veterinary technicians.
- Demonstrate the entry level competency necessary for employment as a veterinary technician.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (3 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS: BUS 108, COM 101, 102, 215, ENG 100, 101, 102, 107, 113, 114, 205, JOUR 102, THTR 105	3-5	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (45 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
VETT 101B Introduction to Animal Health Technology	1	_____
VETT 105B Veterinary Medical Terminology	1	_____
VETT 110B Clinical Anatomy and Physiology I	4	_____
VETT 112B Clinical Anatomy and Physiology II	4	_____
VETT 125B Veterinary Office and Clinical Procedures	2	_____

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	CR	SEMESTER
VETT 127B Basic Animal Nursing	4	_____
VETT 203B Veterinary Clinical/General Pathology	4	_____
VETT 205B Diagnostic Imaging	2	_____
VETT 208B Lab Animal Science and Exotics	2	_____
VETT 209B Parasitology	1	_____
VETT 211B Animal Nutrition	2	_____
VETT 225B Pharmacology and Toxicology	2	_____
VETT 227B Advanced Animal Nursing	4	_____
VETT 230B Principles of Asepsis	1	_____
VETT 235B Surgical, Anesthesia and Dental Procedures	4	_____
VETT 240B Large Animal Procedures	2	_____
VETT 250B Critical Care/ER	3	_____
VETT 266B Directed Clinical Practice for Certificate of Achievement Students	2	_____

Computation included in VETT 127B, 225B, 227B

Human Relations included in VETT 125B, 127B, 227B, 266B

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

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Total Credits

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Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.