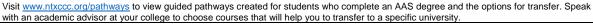# HEALTH SCIENCES

GUIDED PATHWAY: VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY *(Distance Education Program)*

For more information, visit the Distance Education Veterinary Technology Program (DEVTP) website and your academic advisor at Cedar Valley College.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Veterinary Technology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Veterinary Technology[2]. For official degree requirements, click here.

The AAS degree in Veterinary Technology is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association and graduates of the program are eligible to take the national and state exams required to become a credentialed Veterinary Technician (LVT, RVT, or CVT depending on your state of residence). Graduates assist veterinarians in providing healthcare for animals and may work in veterinary hospitals, in research facilities or allied health industries. The Veterinary Technology curriculum is designed to provide the graduate with information, experience and skills needed to perform all technical duties in a practice, including nursing care, laboratory and radiology procedures, and assisting with anesthesia and surgery. Applications to the Distance Education Program (DL) are accepted throughout the year. Check the website above for more information. Courses that complete the Degree (D) and courses that complete the Small Animal (SC1) are noted below. *A grade of "C" or better is required for all courses.*

Visit www.ntxccc.org/pathways to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer. Speak with an academic advisor at your college to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.

ONLY Offered at CVC

COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS *(only for the AAS)*

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

READING & WRITING PLACEMENT	MATH PLACEMENT	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
TSI MET: __YES __NO	TSI MET: __YES __NO	PROFICIENCY MET: __YES __NO
	IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED	
☐ DREA / DWRI / DIRW *(CIRCLE ONE)* _____	☐ DMAT_____	☐ ESOL_____
☐ OTHER: _____	☐ OTHER: _____	☐ OTHER: _____

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS[3]
ALL PLANS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS

D	SC1	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆	**CENGL 1301** – Composition I	☐ Meet with an advisor to confirm academic and career goals by the end of the semester.
◆	◆	**CBIOL 1406** – Biology for Science Majors I	☐ Meet with a career advisor or coach to research career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
◆	◆	**VTHT 1301** – Introduction to Veterinary Technology	☐ Submit application/registration forms for DL program
◆	◆	**VTHT 1217** – Veterinary Office Management	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 12

D	SC1	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆	**CMathematics Elective***	☐ Meet with an advisor to file an official degree plan, confirm or update your academic/career path and program of study.
◆		**CHumanities/Fine Arts***	
◆		**VTHT 1413** – Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology	
◆	◆	**VTHT 2201** – Canine and Feline Clinical Management	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 12

D	SC1	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆		**CSocial/Behavioral Science***	☐ Meet with your advisor to apply for the Small Animal Veterinary Assisting (SC1) Certificate.
◆		**VTHT 1349** – Veterinary Pharmacology	○ If needed, also discuss remaining program course requirements and AAS completion.
◆		**VTHT 2205** – Equine Clinical Management	☐ Find employment (20 hr/wk minimum) in a veterinary hospital-***REQUIRED FOR REMAINING CLASSES***++
◆	◆	**VTHT 2321** – Veterinary Parasitology	☐ Submit OCCI documents

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 11

D	SC1	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
◆		**VTHT 2209** – Food Animal Clinical Management	☐ Meet with an advisor to file an official degree plan, confirm or update your academic/career path and program of study.
◆		**VTHT 2223**– Veterinary Clinical Pathology I	
◆		**VTHT 1345** – Veterinary Radiology	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 7

D	SC1	SEMESTER 5	ACTION ITEMS
◆		**VTHT 2331** – Veterinary Clinical Pathology II	☐ Find employment (15 hr/wk minimum) with a veterinary clinic to complete VTHT 2380 cooperative education in the next semester. +++
◆		**VTHT 1160 –** Clinical-Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant++	☐ Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.
◆		**VTHT 2213** – Lab Animal Clinical Management	
◆		**VTHT 1341** – Anesthesia and Surgical Assistance	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 8-9

D	SC1	SEMESTER 6	ACTION ITEMS
◆		**VTHT 2325** – Large Animal Assisting Techniques	☐ After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, apply for Graduation.
◆		**VTHT 2439** – Veterinary Nursing Care	○ Meet with your advisor to apply for the Veterinary Technology AAS.
◆		**VTHT 2280** – Cooperative Education-Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant++ ___*OR*___ **VTHT 2380** – Cooperative Education-Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant+++	○ Sign up for Commencement. ☐ Join the Alumni Network!

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 9-10

AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS | PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

1 Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.
2 Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by the DCCCD college awarding the degree.
3 This is not the official degree requirements. For official degree requirements, click here.
C This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.
* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.
+ Clinical/Cooperative Education Electives - students must complete 3 credit hours of Clinical or Cooperative Education selected from these options. Students must select Option 1 or Option 2.
++ OPTION 1: Recommended for students with limited clinical experience: VTHT 1160 (Semester 5) **AND** VTHT 2280 (Semester 6).
+++ OPTION 2: Recommended for students currently working in a veterinary clinic: VTHT 2380 in Semester 6.
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