INFORMATION SESSION
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

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- Check out our Admissions Events here

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

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- Two-year Associate Degree program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
  - Rigorous, both academically and technically
  - Daytime program (Vet Tech major classes)
- This is a competitive program
  - 40 seats every fall, approximately 130 applicants yearly
  - About half of applicants meet admissions requirements and interview
  - Approximately 1.5 qualified applicants for every seat
- We'll show you what goes into your application review and how you can make yourself a more competitive candidate

WHAT DOES A VET TECH DO?

- Most opportunities are in small animal practices

- Vet Techs do all of these duties

  - Nurse

  - Surgical Tech

  - Anesthesia Tech

  - X-Ray/Imaging Tech

  - Dental Hygienist

  - Pharmacologist

  - Room Tech (direct contact with client)

  - Patient advocate

- Techs can move into specialties like emergency care, large animal care, surgery, dental care, laboratory, and many more

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WHAT DOES A VET TECH DO?

- It's not all puppies and kittens
  - But it does include puppies and kittens
  - Not only dealing with animals, but with humans on other end of leash
  - Need good people skills as well as animal skills
- Certified Vet Tech (CVT) – graduation from Vet Tech program qualifies you to sit for VTNE Exam to obtain CVT
  - Many practices will pay more for a CVT

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Applications must be submitted and all requirements met by April 30 for fall consideration

- Applying is free and completed online at https://www.greatbay.edu/admissions/apply/

- Send high school and college (if applicable) transcripts to GBCC

  - Email – gbadmissions@ccsnh.edu

  - Mail – Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Dr, Portsmouth, NH 03801

  - High school transcripts do not have to be official (directly from school); college transcripts need to be official in order to qualify for potential transfer credit

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS ABC'S

- Successful completion of high school (or equivalent):

  - Algebra 1

  - Biology

  - Chemistry

- Don't have one of these ABC's? You can explore your options here

- If you enroll (or are currently enrolled) and won't be done by the April 30 deadline, submit proof of current enrollment before the deadline and finish the class by July 31

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS COLLEGE-LEVEL PLACEMENTS

- Place at college level before the April 30 deadline for

  - Reading

  - Writing

  - Math

- This can be done via Accuplacer Assessment through our Center For Academic Planning and Support (CAPS) for free

- You can also be placed at college level by certain high school or college coursework or SAT/ACT scores, so send if your transcripts and score reports

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION

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- Once all other admissions requirements are met, qualified applicants will be scheduled for an information session with the program director

- Information sessions will take place from February through the April 30 deadline

- This is a group information session with up to 30 attendees

- You will learn more about the program and what to expect with academics and clinicals. After this session, you'll have a better idea if this program is a good fit for you or not

- Before the info session, you'll receive a link for an experience survey that will need to be completed before the info session. This is where you'll document any paid or volunteer experience you have in an animal hospital or shelter

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A COMPETITIVE CANDIDATE

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- We award special consideration points during application review for completion of
  - Select college-level general education classes that are required for the Vet Tech Associate Degree. Classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher and include ENGL 110/111G, MATH 145/147G and CHEM 110G
  - VETN 110G via Early College (dual enrollment) with a C+ or better
  - WMCC's Veterinary Assistant program with a C+ or better
  - An associate or bachelor degree with a CGPA of 2.5 or higher
- The most important thing you can do is have employment or volunteer experience in a shelter or a veterinary clinic, as this can raise your overall application score
- Two rounds of application decisions – early decision in March for highly qualified applicants and regular decision after the April 30 deadline
  - If you are a qualified applicant as of the March early decision date, you will be considered
  - We will establish a wait list of approximately 12 students after final decisions in early May

LIBERAL ARTS PRE-VET TECH

- The Liberal Arts Pre-Vet Tech program is an option for
  - Students who want to take a semester or two to work on pre-requisites and/or general education classes that are part of the Vet Tech program
  - Students who don't initially get into the Vet Tech program on their first attempt and want to work on general education classes while waiting to apply the next year
  - This option allows you to spread the workload over 3 years which
    - Increases your chances of success since you're just concentrating on the Vet Tech courses
    - More easily allows you to work while you're in the program

CURRICULUM – WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fall 1st Year – lectures on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – all day classes
    - Lab on Wednesday
- Spring 1st Year – lectures on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday
    - Labs on Wednesday and Thursday
- Summer – clinicals 24 hours per week and one 2-credit class
- Fall 2nd Year – more lab classes (10 hours of lab per week)
- Spring 2d Year – second clinical (15 hours per week) and two lab classes
- Most lecture classes are HyFlex (can attend in-person or remotely via Zoom)
- Labs are all in-person

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- Students choose clinical sites with program director approval
  - If you are working at a clinic, you can do your clinical at that same clinic
  - Faculty can assist with clinical site placement
- Clinicals are unpaid
- Can set own schedule for when you will work your clinical
- Designed to cover specific skills and tasks that you will have to complete

CLINICAL PREPARATION

- Prior to 1st Year Spring semester

  - Show proof of health insurance coverage

  - Obtain liability insurance (college-provided)

  - Provide documentation of current rabies, tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations (rabies is a 2-shot series that costs approximately $800)

  - Provide proof of a negative TB test

- Prior to summer clinical

  - Purchase a radiology dosimeter badge (available at the college)

- Failure to meet vaccination requirements will severely limit clinical site placements and jeopardize ability to meet required clinical tasks

COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID
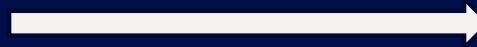
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- For NH residents or Out of State living within 50 miles of GBCC
  - Estimated program cost of approximately $23,200
  - Includes lab fees, clinical surcharges, rabies vaccination, dosimeter badge, books, supplies, equipment, uniforms, and student liability insurance
  - This total includes general education courses. If you have completed some or all of your gen eds, this amount will be less
- Financial Aid is available for students
  - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Scholarships are also available

OPEN HOUSES AND OTHER ADMISSIONS EVENTS

- Attend an open house

- Meet Faculty in the Vet Tech program

- Tour the campus including the Vet Tech lab

- Go here to see our upcoming events

QUESTIONS?