

## ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

**Veterinary Technology****DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM****Offered through partnership with Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC)**

This curriculum is designed for those students who for personal or financial reasons cannot travel to Weyers Cave for the on-campus program. Students may complete general education requirements at Virginia Western. Veterinary technology courses are interactive, two-way audio and video, and are transmitted from Blue Ridge Community College to Virginia Western via compressed video technology three hours a day, two days a week.

**Purpose:** This curriculum is designed to prepare students as veterinary technicians.

**Program Objectives:** In Virginia, licensed veterinary technicians working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian may perform those tasks related to animal health except the diagnosis of disease, prescribing drugs, or performing surgery.

Veterinary technicians may be employed in a veterinary hospital, diagnostic/research laboratory, the pharmaceutical industry, zoos/wildlife centers, as sales and livestock managers, or veterinary educators.

**Developmental Requirements:** Students who do not place into college-level English on the placement test will be required to take developmental courses.

Students who do not demonstrate proficiency on the placement test in the following mathematical units will be required to complete developmental courses: MTE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

**Admissions Requirements:** Students who plan to complete the program through distance education at Virginia Western should follow the BRCC application instructions located at <http://community.brcc.edu/vettech/index.php/admission/>. Applications are due to Blue Ridge Community College by January 31st.

For more information please visit the Veterinary Technology Department at BRCC at <http://community.brcc.edu/vettech/>.

**Program Note:** It is the student's responsibility to verify that transcripts have been received at BRCC. Transfer credits are evaluated by the registrar. BRCC transmits this program using compressed video technology. Courses will be offered in sequence to allow a student who takes every course to finish in 9 semesters.

Students will be required to travel to the Weyers Cave Campus three times during the semester for laboratory work and practical exams.

Graduates of this program are eligible to take the National Veterinary Technician Exam (NVTE).

Although this program is not designed for transfer, articulation agreements with four-year institutions may be available. Contact the VWCC program head for details.

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**CURRICULUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**  
**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES**

**CREDITS**

**The following general education courses may be completed at Virginia Western prior to program admission:**

ENG 111*	College Composition I	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
CHM 111*	College Chemistry I	4
HLT/PED	Health or Physical Education	2
E <sup>1</sup>	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (List A)	3
E <sup>1</sup>	Social Science Elective (List A)	3

**The following courses will be transmitted by BRCC to the VWCC distance site:**

VET 100	Introduction to Animal Science	4
VET 105	Introduction to Veterinary Tech	3
VET 111	Anatomy and Physiology of Domestic Animals	4
VET 115	Laboratory Techniques I	4
VET 120	Veterinary Medical Terminology and Calculations	3
VET 121	Clinical Practices I	4
VET 210	Animal Diseases and Microbiology	4
VET 215	Laboratory Techniques II	4
VET 216	Animal Pharmacology	3
VET 217	Intro. to Laboratory, Zoo, and Wildlife Medicine	3
VET 221	Advanced Clinical Practices III	4
VET 222	Advanced Clinical Practices IV	4
VET 230	Veterinary Hospital Management	3
VET 236	Companion Animal Behavior	3
VET 290	Coord Practice in Veterinary Tech	4
VET 295	Advanced Surgical Nursing	3
<b>Total Minimum Credits for Degree</b>		<b>73</b>

<sup>1</sup> Electives must be chosen from the specific list referenced in the curriculum requirements above. List A and List B electives can be found on the Approved List of Transfer courses.

\* This course has a requisite. Requisites for all courses are listed in the course description section at the back of the catalog.