

**Veterinary Technology Online Associate in Science Program
Admission Requirements Checklist
(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)**

HEC Requirements

- Complete the [St. Petersburg College Admission Application](#) and pay the non-refundable fee.
***Note to Returning Students** If you have not enrolled in courses in the six previous semesters, you will need to complete the online [Readmission Application in MySPC](#). You will be asked if you want to complete the readmission process when you log in to MySPC. Failure to do so will prohibit or delay your course enrollment.
- Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcripts. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution are waived from this requirement.
- Submit official, unopened (sealed) transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges and/or universities. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened.
- Students must demonstrate they are at college level in Writing, Reading, and Math either through appropriate test scores, or through appropriate course completion.
- Students must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

Program Admissions

- Complete at least 18 credit hours of the general education and support courses, **including all communications, math, and natural science requirements.** [Veterinary Technology curriculum.](#)
 - Complete a minimum 40 hours of Veterinary Hospital Observation and discussion with a veterinarian and veterinary technician in a veterinary practice.
 - Please collect the following information while completing your observation hours.
 - **Name of Facility**
 - **Date**
 - **Time Spent**
 - **Name of Health Provider**
 - **Providers License**
- The Health program application will provide you the opportunity to input this required information as you complete the application.
- Submit the Health Programs Application: <https://web.spcollege.edu/hec/application/apply>

***All transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College at least 30 days prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.*

Selection Criteria

The Veterinary Technology Online A.S. degree program will accept applications continually throughout the year. Please apply once your prerequisite coursework has been completed and posted to your SPC transcript. All qualified students will be offered admission and will be eligible to enroll in the following semester. Three semesters are available throughout the year (Spring – January, Summer – May, and Fall – August). To be considered for a certain semester, please have your completed application in by the following dates:

Spring	-	**December 15th
Summer	-	**April 15th
Fall	-	**July 15th

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. ****Please note:** dates are subject to change.

If you are not offered admission, you will need to reapply during the next appropriate application acceptance period.

If you are offered admission you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements prior to the start of the first program course to maintain eligible status.

- Complete the Letter of Intent survey (Provided in admission E-Mail)
- Successfully pass a [background check and drug screening](#). (Information and due date provided in Admission E-Mail)
- Complete the Health Education Program orientation. (Date provided in Admission E-Mail)

Schedule

Students admitted to our online program must be in a veterinary clinic at least 20 hours each week while a student in our program. Students should typically expect to spend a minimum of 3 hours studying per credit per week for our online courses. A few of our online courses hold weekly evening chat sessions when students are expected to participate in discussions relevant to the course subjects.

Estimated Cost

*¹Tuition	**Physical & Immunizations	Drug & Background Check	Uniforms, Special Equipment Lab Fees & Other Costs	Textbooks	State Exam & License Fees	Total
\$5,700	\$0	\$95	\$685	\$1,000	\$300	\$7,780

*[Tuition](#) is estimated using the Florida resident rates. Out-of-state residents will have higher tuition fees.

¹Tuition is for core coursework only. General Education and Support courses are not included.

** These are high estimates; actual costs will vary depending on health insurance coverage.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree).	CREDIT POINTS
ENC 1101- Composition I or (Honors)	3
Speech Communication	3
Mathematics - One college level course	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Approved Course	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Approved Course	3
PHI 1600 – Applied Ethics or (PHI 1602H)	3
Computer/Information Literacy Competency Requirement	
GENERAL EDUCATION CREDIT HOUR TOTALS	18
SUPPORT COURSES (May not be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)	
Any Natural Science course and Lab	3
GENERAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT COURSE CREDIT HOUR TOTALS	21
At least 18 of the 21 General Education and Support Course hours must be completed in order to be eligible to apply for admission to the program. Included in those 18 hours are the requirements for: Composition I, Speech, Math, and Natural Science lecture and lab courses must be complete.	
GPA CALCULATOR (Program GPA multiplied by 10 = GPA Points) 4.0 GPA x 10 = 40	
MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL = (CREDIT POINTS + GPA POINTS) = TOTAL POINTS	
Credit Points	21
GPA Points	40
Total Points	61

*Please note that you will need to satisfy the World View Requirement for graduation purposes.

Accessibility Services

St. Petersburg College is committed to providing quality education and services to all students by ensuring that admission, academic programs, support services, student activities, and campus facilities are accessible to and usable by qualified students with disabilities. Each specific health program has its own [technical standards](#) which all students must meet with or without an accommodation(s). To help students achieve success, Accessibility Services works with students, faculty, and staff to coordinate the provision of reasonable accommodations. To put your accommodations in place, please contact the Health Education Center (HEC) Accessibility Services (AS) at 727-341-3721 or [Accessibility Services](#) even if you are registered with another campus.

Veterinary Technology Observation Requirements

Please collect the following information while completing your 40 observation hours. This form is for informational purposes only and does not need to be sent to the Health Education Center.

- **Name of Facility**
- **Date**
- **Time Spent**
- **Name of Health Provider**
- **Providers License #**

Please make sure that you have discussed the following items:

- Anticipated wages for a registered veterinary technician
- Working hours for a veterinary technician
- Benefits: vacation, continuing education allowance, uniform allowance
- Rewards of being a veterinary technician
- Challenges associated with being a veterinary technician

In addition, please make sure that you have observed the following:

- Observation of minor surgical procedures:
 - Abscess drainage, laceration repair
- Observation of major surgical procedures – large or small animal
 - Small animal – castration, ovariohysterectomy
 - Large animal – C-section, displaced abomasum
- Observation of dental prophylaxis procedures
- Observation of the technician's role in:
 - Anesthesia
 - Surgical assisting
 - Sample collection
- Office procedures:
 - Appointment scheduling, invoice preparation, cash management
- Client interaction:
 - History taking, client education
- Kennel or stall clean-up
- Animal medicating
- Euthanasia, if possible
- Instrument clean-up
- Laboratory procedures:
 - Parasitology, hematology, serology
- Miscellaneous procedures:
 - Anal sac expression, ear cleaning

Ensuring Course Requirements are Satisfied

*It is the student's responsibility to make sure transfer coursework meets the course requirements for SPC.

Courses that transfer in as "Elective" 1999, 2999, 3999 or 4999 prefix do not satisfy requirements. The student may request Alternate Satisfaction for the specific course to see if the course will meet the specific requirements.

Ex: If speech transfers in as: SPC 1999 it does not meet the requirement for speech. If an alternate satisfaction is requested and approved the speech requirement would be met.

To initiate the alternate satisfaction request/review process:

Complete the Alternative Satisfaction Survey, which is now active at <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/21215>:



Alternative Satisfaction Survey

Before you begin filling out this form, be sure to have the following available to upload:

- 1 - The syllabus of the course you wish to use to satisfy an SPC course (PDF or Word formats only).
- 2 - If the course was completed at another institution, an unofficial or official transcript (PDF or Word formats only).

Evaluating/Posting Transfer Credit to Your SPC Records

Direct questions regarding transfer credit evaluation to transcript.evaluator@spcollege.edu

****Students need to send an email from their SPC email address and include the following information when contacting Central Records:**

Student Name and SPC Student ID Number

Course prefix, number, title and term/year completed as it appears on student's original transcript

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