



## Your Road To Success Starts Here

Norwalk Community College is a fully-accredited college offering traditional liberal arts, transfer and technical programs leading to an associate degree or specialized training. Our mission is to provide southwest Fairfield County residents with educational excellence through a winning combination of small classes, dedicated faculty, flexible class times and affordable tuition. Each year approximately 9,000 students enroll in our associate degree and credit programs, while an additional 5,500 attend classes through our Extended Studies division. Credits earned at NCC are transferable to four-year universities and colleges.

### NCC Campus in Norwalk

188 Richards Ave., Norwalk, CT 06854-1655 [www.norwalk.edu](http://www.norwalk.edu)

#### I-95 North or South

Take Exit 13. Turn right onto U.S. 1/Connecticut Avenue. At Shell gas station turn left onto Richards Avenue. Proceed 1/2 mile, East Campus on right, West Campus on left.

#### Merritt Parkway Northbound

Exit 38. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Route 123 South. Take first left onto Nursery Street. Take first left onto Ponus Avenue. Bear right at the fork onto Fox Run Road. Proceed through the traffic light and bear right around Fox Run School. Turn left at the stop sign onto Richards Avenue. Follow Richards Avenue for one mile. East Campus on the left; West Campus on the right.

#### Merritt Parkway Southbound

Exit 38. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Route 123 North. Take first right after going under the Merritt Parkway overpass onto Nursery Street. Follow the directions above.

#### Public Transportation to NCC Campus

**Norwalk Bus** – WHEELS Routes 11, 13 and NCC Shuttle stop in front of the East Campus at 188 Richards Ave. Morning and evening shuttle buses run between the South Norwalk train station and the campus. See [www.norwalktransit.com](http://www.norwalktransit.com) for schedules.

**Stamford Bus** – The F-Route 1 Connecticut Transit buses from Stamford stops at the college. For a timetable call (203) 327-7433.



# Veterinary Technology

An Associate Degree program preparing students for entry-level job opportunities or advancement in current careers working with animals

## Student Support System

NCC offers a complete student support system with a variety of services and activities designed to help you enjoy a successful college career.

- Career Center
- Child Development Center
- Counseling
- English as a Second Language
- Financial Aid
- NCC Foundation Scholarships
- Full Access Campus
- Learning Skills Center
- Everett I.L. Baker Library
- Orientation
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Servicios Para Los Hispanos
- Student Activities
- Student Employment Services
- Student Support Services Tutoring Center
- UBS Student Success Center
- Pitney Bowes Wellness Center

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# VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

## What is Veterinary Technology?

Do you love working with animals? Are you a team player? Veterinary Technology is a rapidly growing profession with exciting opportunities for qualified individuals. Specialty and referral small and large animal veterinary practices, wildlife rehabilitation facilities and zoos, shelters, farms, research laboratories and animal food industry are just a few of the employers that actively recruit credentialed veterinary technicians. According to the Bureau of Labor, employment of veterinary technicians is predicted to grow 30% from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations.

## What Can Veterinary Technicians Do?

Veterinary technicians are highly trained and educated members of a veterinary healthcare team. No longer responsibly solely for animal restraint, their tasks may include: client communication, nursing care, laboratory diagnostics, radiography, anesthesiology, surgical nursing, and management. Many veterinary technicians are placed in a supervisory role in veterinary practices, research institutions and other employment options. In addition, there are recognized specialties for veterinary technicians who wish to attain a higher level of recognition in specific disciplines. After completing the two-year A.S. degree, students may also transfer into pre-veterinary or other four-year degree programs.

## Quick Facts

### Median Entry-Level Salary:

\$30,000 to \$35,000 yearly

### Expected Professional Growth:

30% from 2012 to 2022 (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

### Entry-Level Education:

Associate of Science Degree

For more information about Veterinary Technology, visit the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America's website at [www.navta.net](http://www.navta.net).

## Program Description



The field of Veterinary Technology is a rapidly growing profession that offers qualified individuals many exciting and diverse professional opportunities. The Veterinary Technology Program at NCC is being designed as a two-year, full-time Associate Degree program eligible for the AVMA review and accreditation process. Veterinary technology students who graduate successfully

from a program that has received AVMA accreditation may take the VTNE licensing exam.

The objective of the program is to provide the classroom, laboratory, and field experience that will prepare students to be highly qualified for immediate employment in veterinary offices, specialty practices, shelters and animal rehabilitation clinics, biological research facilities, stables and dairies, drug and feed manufacturing companies, and in the animal production industry. Graduates will also be able to continue their studies as veterinary technology specialists. NCC's Veterinary Technology program aims to integrate the needs of the student, veterinary, public and global communities.

## Admission Prerequisites

Applicants must be in overall good health and be capable of lifting a minimum of 55 lbs (25 kgs). Accepted students will be required to submit records of a recent physical examination, and proof of rabies immunity (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis-vis-statements/rabies.pdf>).

In addition, applicants must have competency in College Algebra (MAT 172 College Algebra, or equivalent or higher with a C or better, OR placement test/SAT/ACT) and competency in Basic Computing Skills (CSA 105 Introduction to Software Applications, or equivalent or "pass" on computer proficiency exam).

## Contact Information

For more information about this program, please contact Anne C. Hermans, DVM, Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Veterinary Technology at [AHermans@norwalk.edu](mailto:AHermans@norwalk.edu) or (203) 857-7364. Visit our website at: [www.norwalk.edu/dept/science/vet\\_tech](http://www.norwalk.edu/dept/science/vet_tech).

## Requirements for the Associate Degree (70 credits)

### Admission Requirements

BIO 121\* General Biology (grade of "C" or better, taken within five years prior to entering the program)

CHE 111\* Concepts of Chemistry (grade of "C" or better, taken within five years prior to entering the program)

ENG 101\* Composition (with a C or better)

Competency in College Algebra - MAT 172 or equivalent or higher (grade of "C" or better), OR placement test/SAT/ACT

Competency in Basic Computing Skills - CSA 105\* or equivalent, or "Pass" on the Computer Proficiency Exam

\*Completion of prerequisite courses can take at least 1-2 additional semesters prior to entering the program.

### Core Veterinary Technology Courses

#### First Year Courses

Introduction to Animal Care  
Introduction to Veterinary Technology  
Veterinary Medical Terminology  
Communication and Office Management for Veterinary Technicians  
Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology I and II with Lab  
Small Animal Veterinary Technology with Lab  
Large Animal Veterinary Technology with Lab  
Principles of Pharmacology for Veterinary Technology

#### Second Year Courses

Veterinary Laboratory Procedures  
Principles of Imaging with Lab  
Veterinary Anesthesia and Surgical Nursing with Lab  
Microbiology  
Parasitology  
Animal Pathology  
Periodontology and Oral Radiology  
Veterinary Technician Externships

Graduation from NCC will also require completion of Humanities (IDS) and Social Science electives.



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