



**Baton Rouge Community College
Associate of Applied Science
in Veterinary Technology**

**VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
2018 APPLICATION PACKET**

**APPLICATION PACKETS FOR
STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION
TO THE FALL 2018 CLASS
ARE DUE IN THE VETERINARY
TECHNOLOGY OFFICE BY
5:00 P.M., FRIDAY MAY 4, 2018**

Return or mail completed application packet to:

**VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE
204 CYPRESS BUILDING
BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
201 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DRIVE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806**

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Veterinary Technology (Vet Tech) Program at BRCC is a five-semester, full-time selective admissions program. The **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Veterinary Technology** degree program is a rigorous study of the clinical knowledge and skills required for a career working in a veterinary practice or other animal health profession. Graduates will be eligible to take the National Veterinary Technician Exam (NVTE) to become Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT) and be licensed in Louisiana.

In order to be eligible for admission to the Veterinary Technology Program, the applicant must first be admitted to Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC). The College application is online at <http://www.mybrcc.edu>. The Veterinary Technology Program application and all supporting documents must be received by the designated deadlines. Applicants will not be considered for admittance to the Veterinary Technology Program until all required documents have been submitted and the applicant's file is complete. A copy of the application and all supporting documents should be retained by the applicant since the Veterinary Technology Program will not return the original application or any supporting documents. Admission to the Veterinary Technology Program is competitive and will be based on the following criteria: 1) Scholarship, 2) Aptitude for the profession, 3) Written Communication Skills.

It is important to note that simply meeting requirements for admission to the Vet Tech program does not guarantee admission, as class size is limited.

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1 BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, www.mybrcc.edu

1. Complete an application online to enroll in Baton Rouge Community College if you have not previously done so. [First time student enrollment](#). Follow instructions.
2. Pay application and testing fees online [on-line payment link](#) or at the Bursar's Office [Bursar's Office](#)
3. Register online for a Student ID number (L Number) by following the [LOLA ID Login](#) link.
4. Turn in signature page to the Office of Enrollment Services. Attach transcripts or ACT Scores.
5. Schedule and attend new student orientation/testing/advising (for first-time college students). For transfer students who have completed college Math and English with a C or better, meet with advising. [Academic Learning Center](#)
6. Check on payment options such as financial aid, deferred pay and scholarships [Financial Aid Office](#)
7. Seek advising from the Veterinary Technology Faculty if you have questions about which classes to take. Enroll in recommended classes online. Print your schedule of classes.
8. Pay tuition and fees by payment due date. [Bursar's Office](#)
9. Obtain student ID card [Public Safety Office](#)
10. Register your car and obtain parking decal. [Public Safety Office](#)
11. Check your on-line schedule the week before classes begin to be aware of changes that have occurred.

If you are a current or prospective student, you can now reach us **24 hours a day, seven days a week** by contacting our new Student Support Center. We have several different ways for you to reach us: Call us toll-free at **1-866-217-9823**. You can also email our Student Support Center at info@mybrcc.edu

Remember, you are not enrolled until tuition and fees have been paid!

STEP 2 VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Must** have a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. **Must** submit official transcripts from any colleges attended other than Baton Rouge Community College to [BRCC Office of Enrollment Services](#). **You must also include transcripts with your Vet Tech Program application packet.** If your previous school offers “e-script”, an on-line service for submission of official transcripts, please have them sent to adcockr@mybrcc.edu.
3. **Must** have completed all BRCC admission requirements.
4. **Must** submit a **complete** BRCC Veterinary Technology Program Admissions Application by the stated deadline each year.
5. **Must** submit a **passport photo ID** with your application. **Note: You do not need a passport. You can have a passport photo taken at drugstores or other locations.**
6. **Applicant must have a GPA of 2.25** (as of the end of the current spring semester) and a grade of “C” or higher in the following 11 credit hours of courses. If you are transferring credits from another program, BRCC will review the courses for equivalency with our required courses. BRCC accepts transfer credit for equivalent courses from most Louisiana colleges through the Board of Regents transfer program. *If equivalency is denied, you may submit a form requesting review of the course by the appropriate department. As part of the review process, you will need to provide a catalog description and a syllabus of the course in question.* **You may apply for admission to the veterinary technology program while enrolled in the required pre-requisite classes during the spring semester.** Your composite application score will be calculated when grades are recorded at the end of the semester.

11 Credit Hours of Required Pre-Requisite Courses

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
MATH 1013 or 1103 (formerly MATH 101/110)	College Algebra	3
ENGL 1013 (formerly ENGL 101)	English Composition I	3
BIOL 1203 (formerly BIOL 120)	Biol Lecture Science Majors	3
BIOL 1201 (formerly BIOL 120L)	Biol Lab Science Majors	1
VTEC 1011 (formerly VTEC 101)	Animal Health Careers	<u>1</u>
	TOTAL	11

7. **Must submit a personal statement** of approximately 300 words, explaining why you want to be a veterinary technician. (See attachment for more specific information.)
8. **Must take the Health Occupations Aptitude Exam**
 - a. Be certain that test scores are sent to the Veterinary Technology Office.
 - b. Must have taken the HOAE within the last two years for scores to qualify.
 - c. For more information about the exam, you can visit the website, <http://www.psbtests.com/site/products/hoae.html>. *We recommend that you review the exam questions before taking the exam to familiarize yourself with the content of the exam. Several inexpensive HOAE prep guides are available on-line through Amazon.com

In order to take the HOAE exam at BRCC, you must:

- 1) Go to the Bursar's Office in the Bienvenue Student Center and pay for the exam. Specify that you want to take the VET TECH ENTRANCE EXAM (HOAE). The fee is \$20 cash or check only.
- 2) Deadline for registration to take the exam is **FRIDAY, MAY 4.**
- 3) Obtain a receipt from the bursar's office and bring it to the Veterinary Technology Office, 204 Cypress Building, no later than **FRIDAY, MAY 4 at 5:00 PM.** **Your receipt may be submitted as part of your admissions packet.**
- 4) Declare which date you wish to take the exam. It is being offered on:
 - a) **Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ***
 - b) **Wednesday, May 23, from 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. ***

* Dates may be subject to change.
- 5) You do have the option of taking the exam more than once. There is no rule against this, but students rarely dramatically improve their scores on standardized tests.
- 6) Report to the Designated Computer Testing Lab in Cypress Building on time! You cannot be admitted after testing has begun. **Bring a picture ID for admission to the center.** You may bring a pencil. Scratch paper will be provided for the math section. Scratch paper will be collected after the exam. **No electronic devices of any kind, including calculators, are permitted.** Cell phones MUST be turned off and cannot be placed on the computer table.
- 7) If you have a declared disability on file with the BRCC Office of Disability Services, you will be allowed to take the HOAE exam with accommodations. You must notify the Veterinary Technology Program Director at the time of registration if you need to make an appointment with the testing center for administration of the exam.

PACKETS ARE DUE ON MAY 4 NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM!

MAILED PACKETS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 4.

NO ON-LINE ADMISSION PACKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THE APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN YOUR ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

Selection Criteria for Veterinary Technology Program Applicants

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS- 500 points maximum

- Health Occupations Aptitude Exam = 200 points maximum
- Pre-Requisite Course Grades = 200 points maximum
- Application = 100 points maximum
 - Personal Statement = 20 points max: content 10 pts (5 pts for motivation, 5 pts for compassion), grammar & spelling 5 pts, composition 5 pts.
 - BRCC Courses = 10 points max (2 points per course)
 - Activities and Honors = 10 points max
 - Work History = 10 points max

Scores will be calculated to obtain a composite score for each applicant. Applicants will be ranked solely on the basis of their composite score. Final calculation of composite scores and rankings will not be available until after spring semester grades are received in the Veterinary Technology office.

Health Occupations Aptitude Exam- This exam makes up 40% of the composite score.

You need a minimum score of 20 (out of 50 points) to be considered for admission into the BRCC Veterinary Technology Program. If you take this exam more than once, you may use the highest score within the last two years.

HOAE scores are assessed in five sections (academic aptitude, spelling, reading comprehension, natural sciences and vocational adjustment index.) *Your scores will be recorded as a percentile relative to other students planning to study veterinary technology nationwide.* Each of the five sections will be awarded a maximum of 10 points based on the following scale:

95 th percentile or higher	10 points	x 5 sections = 50 possible points, weighted to 40% of composite
90-95 th percentile	9 points	
80-89 th percentile	8 points	
70-79 th percentile	7 points	
60-69 th percentile	6 points	
50-59 th percentile	5 points	
40-49 th percentile	4 points	
30-35 th percentile	3 points	
20-29 th percentile	2 points	
10-19 th percentile	1 point	

Pre-Requisite Courses Grades- Each of your five pre-requisite courses will be weighted equally, regardless of number of credit/contact hours. Your grade in each course will be assigned a numerical value. (Remember, you must have at least a "C" in each class to apply. Grades are weighted to make up 40% of your composite score.

Grade "A"	4 points x 2.5 weighting factor = 10	50 total points possible weighted to 40% of composite score (200 points)
Grade "B"	3 points x 2.5 weighting factor = 7.5	
Grade "C"	2 points x 2.5 weighting factor = 5	

Application- Four other components of your application will be assessed for a total value of 50 points which are weighted to achieve 20% of your composite score.

BRCC Classes- You will be awarded 2 points for every pre-requisite class you complete at BRCC with a grade of "C" or higher. (10 points maximum)

Activities and Honors-You will receive one point for each activity/organization/volunteer project you have participated in, up to a maximum of 5 points. You will receive one point for every academic or community service award you have received and one point for membership in honor

societies, up to a maximum of 5 points. You may include activities, projects and honors in high school, college, employment, or your community. (10 points maximum)

Work History- You will receive one point for every six months you have worked (part-time or full-time) in a veterinary practice or animal care business. You will receive one point for every twelve months you have worked (full time or part time) in a non-veterinary or animal business. (10 points maximum)

Personal Statement- Your personal statement will be scored by a faculty committee using the rubric scale below to measure content, to include motivation (5 points) and compassion for animals (5 points); grammar and spelling (5 points); and composition (5 points). Maximum score is 20 points.

Component	Unacceptable (1)	Poor (2)	Average (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)	RAW SCORE
Content: Motivation	No discussion of motivation included	Unsure about motivation for working with animals	Wants a career working with animals, but unsure about career in vet tech	Interest in animal health care industry/ veterinary tech career	Displays strong understanding of the role that vet techs play in health care and strong motivation	
Content: Compassion	No discussion of experiences with or compassion for animals	Has had no experiences with animals or animal health care	Shows compassion for animals, but no experiences working with animals	Loves animals and has some experience working with animals	Very strong empathy for <u>animals and animal owners</u>	
Grammar/ Spelling	More than 3 major errors or 6 minor errors	3 major errors or 5-6 minor errors	2 major errors or 3-4 minor errors	1 major error or 1-2 minor errors	No errors	
Composition	Did not follow directions	Written text is confusing, poorly follows assigned topic	Written text is average, weakly addresses assigned topic	Written text is clear, addresses assigned topic, but may be redundant or wordy	Written text is clear and concise, thoroughly and completely addresses the assigned topic	
SCORE						

STEP 3 SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS

1. Applicants will be notified of admission status (Admitted or Denied) by **CERTIFIED* letter** on or about June 15, 2018, after final spring semester grades are received and composite scores compiled. (*Someone at your residence must sign for receipt of the letter.)
2. **Students must accept their offer of admission by letter, or in person to the Veterinary Technology Office, 204 Cypress Building, BRCC. Deadline for acceptance will be announced in the admission letter.**
3. Students who accept the offer for admission must attend a MANDATORY pre-admission orientation session, date and time to be announced.
4. Accepted students must submit the following to the Veterinary Technology Office by the deadline indicated in their acceptance packet:

Health History/Physical Exam

- **MUST** be completed at Total Occupational Medicine <http://www.totaloccmed.com/> **or by your primary care provider.**
- Must include proof of tetanus toxoid vaccination within the last 5 years and current proof (within past 6 months) of a negative tuberculosis test
- Student must pick up a Medical Authorization form from Vet Tech office before health exam and take it with them to the doctor's office (available by email request also).
- Cost will be incurred by student.
- All completed Health History and Physical Exam records must be submitted to the Veterinary Technology Office by the date indicated.
- If physical examination or health history indicates any conditions that potentially make the Veterinary Technology Program unsafe, the student will be counseled and must sign a statement declaring that they understand the risks of the program.

Drug Screen

- **MUST** be completed at Total Occupational Medicine <http://www.totaloccmed.com/>
 - Student must pick up Medical Authorization form from Vet Tech office before health exam and take it with them to the doctor's office.
 - Cost will be incurred by the student.
 - Students who test positive on the drug screen or make any attempt to tamper with a specimen may be subject to disqualification of their acceptance and/or dismissal from the Vet Tech program.
5. Students who are not accepted for admission may schedule an appointment for academic advising with the Director of the Veterinary Technology Program.

STEP 4 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must be physically able to complete the clinical curriculum. Animal lifting and handling will be required. Students will be exposed to x-rays, anesthetic gases, biological agents, and chemicals. All safety precautions as required by OSHA must be followed at all times, including the wearing of masks, gloves, eye goggles and protective clothing when required. Failure to follow safety guidelines could result in penalties up to and including expulsion from the program.
2. Accepted students will be provided with a list of required and recommended textbooks and supplies at orientation. Each student must purchase a stethoscope and nursing kit for personal use. Detailed purchase information will be provided prior to the beginning of classes.
3. Students will be required to pay a laboratory supplies fee each semester in addition to tuition fees.
4. There will be a dress code. Students must purchase uniforms and lab coats to be worn in all labs and clinics. A detailed uniform policy with purchase information will be distributed prior to the beginning of fall classes.
5. There will be a code of cleanliness, professionalism and safety enforced for all classes, labs, and clinics, i.e., only closed-toe and non-slip shoes (nursing clogs are acceptable), hair short or pulled back off the face, fingernails clean, clipped, and non-polished, no dangling earrings or chains, no excessive jewelry, no exposed body piercings (including tongue rings) or visible tattoos.
6. **Class attendance will be mandatory.** Promptness and attention is expected. Up to 3 excused absences (defined as illness/emergency of the student or an immediate family member, automobile accident, death, or funeral of an immediate family member) are allowed per semester. Proof of reason for an excused absence may be required. Students will be allowed to make up the work missed only for excused absences. Excessive tardiness/unexcused absences may be grounds for lowering of the grade or failure of the class.
7. The use of unauthorized personal electronic devices during classes WILL NOT be tolerated.
8. Students will be required to carry their own health insurance while enrolled in the program. Proof of health insurance coverage must be presented at orientation. Malpractice insurance coverage is not required.
9. Students will be required to receive a pre-exposure rabies vaccination series prior to entering the clinical program at LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in the fall semester of Year 2. Students will be required to bear the cost of the vaccination series. BRCC has contracted with LSU School of Veterinary Medicine to provide the service at a discount to veterinary technology students.
10. Veterinary Technology students will be required to abide by a **professional code of ethics** both on and off campus. Lying, cheating, plagiarism, stealing, substance abuse, or cruelty to any animal or person will not be tolerated, and students witnessing others in these activities will be expected to report the behavior to the program director. Sanctions for the above violations, as well as any others referenced in the BRCC 2018 Student Handbook, will be in accordance with the policies defined in Appendix E- Academic Integrity Policy- in the Student Handbook.

Veterinary Technician's Code of Ethics

Preamble

The Code of Ethics is based on the supposition that the honor and dignity of the profession of veterinary technology lies in the just and reasonable code of ethics. Veterinary technicians promote and maintain good health in animals; care for diseased and injured animals; and assist in the control of diseases transmissible from animals to humans. The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to provide guidance to the veterinary technician for carrying out professional responsibilities so as to meet the ethical obligations of the profession.

Code of Ethics

1. Veterinary technicians shall aid society and animals through providing excellent care and services for animals.
2. Veterinary technicians shall prevent and relieve the suffering of animals with competence and compassion.
3. Veterinary technicians shall remain competent through commitment to life-long learning.
4. Veterinary technicians shall promote public health by assisting with the control of zoonotic diseases and educating the public about these diseases.
5. Veterinary technicians shall collaborate with other members of the veterinary medical profession in efforts to ensure quality health care services for all animals.
6. Veterinary technicians shall protect confidential information provided by clients, unless required by law or to protect public health.
7. Veterinary technicians shall assume accountability for individual professional actions and judgments.
8. Veterinary technicians shall safeguard the public and the professional against individuals deficient in professional competence or ethics.
9. Veterinary technicians shall assist with efforts to ensure conditions of employment consistent with the excellent care for animals.
10. Veterinary technicians shall uphold the laws/regulations that apply to the technician's responsibilities as a member of the animal health care team.
11. Veterinary technicians shall represent their credentials or identify themselves with specialty organizations only if the designation has been awarded or earned.

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5/4/2018 @ 5 pm
 INCOMPLETE OR LATE
 APPLICATIONS
 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BRCC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	
☐ Standard ☐ Provisional	1. BRCC Admission Status (Enrollment Services).
VET TECH PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	
Applicant <u>must</u> have a GPA of 2.25 or higher and a grade of "C" or higher in the following 11 credit hours of courses by completion of spring semester in application year.	
☐ Complete ☐ In-progress	2. MATH 1013/1103 College Algebra GRADE= _____
☐ Complete ☐ In-progress	3. ENGL 1013 English Composition I GRADE= _____
☐ Complete ☐ In-progress	4. BIOL 1203 Biology for Science Majors GRADE= _____
☐ Complete ☐ In-progress	5. BIOL 1201 Biology Lab for Science Majors GRADE= _____
☐ Complete ☐ In-progress	6. VTEC 1011 Animal Health Careers GRADE= _____
☐ Complete ☐ In-progress	7. Complete and Sign Vet Tech Program Application
☐ Complete ☐ In-progress	8. Complete and submit personal statement
☐ Yes ☐ No	9. Submit Passport Photo ID
☐ Yes ☐ No	10. Submit transcripts to Vet Tech Office (Transfer students only)
☐ Transcripts submitted ☐ N/A	List name(s) of school(s) attended: a. b. c. d.
☐ Yes / ☐ No	11. If you have previously taken the Health Occupations Aptitude Exam and wish to use that score, submit test score.
☐ Yes / ☐ No	12. Submit receipt of payment for HOAE admission exam (Bursar's Office) and schedule testing session.

PROGRAM APPLICATION VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

PERSONAL INFORMATION				
Last Name	First Name		Middle Name	
Mailing Address		City / State	Zip Code	
Home Phone Number () -		Cell Phone Number () -		
E-Mail Address		Student ID/LOLA # (B# or L#)		
Driver's License Number/State		Social Security Number	Date of Birth	
Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? ☐ Yes ☐ No		If yes, what crime and when?		
Have you ever abused, sold or distributed illegal drugs or controlled substances? ☐ Yes ☐ No				
EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION				
Have you attended any other colleges? (please list and note major/grad degree)	College/ Major/ Degree			
Do you have additional post-secondary degrees? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Degrees earned			
Organizations, Clubs, Volunteer Work, Honors, Awards, etc.				
Have you previously taken the Health Occupations Aptitude Exam? ☐ Yes ☐ No	If you have taken the HOAE within the last two years, would you like to use that score? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Have you previously been enrolled in a veterinary technology program at any other institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, what school? Why did you leave that program?			
WORK HISTORY				
Company	Supervisor's Name	Phone No.	Job Title	Dates Employed
I would like to apply for admission to the Veterinary Technology program. I understand that any attempt on my part to falsify or exclude information is cause for disqualification of my application and/or dismissal from the program. I hereby certify that all information presented is true to the best of my knowledge. Student Signature _____ Date _____ Time _____ Received by _____ Date _____ Time _____				

Personal Statement

Written on the following topic: “Why I want to be a Registered Veterinary Technician”

Your paper must be typewritten, approximately 300 words in length, in your own words. Veterinary technicians are required to have excellent written communication skills, so the paper will be analyzed on the following components: content, grammar, and spelling.

You should include:

- Your experiences with and attitudes about animals and animal health care**
- Your experiences with veterinarians and other health care professionals**
- Any specific interests, aspirations, or goals for your career**



BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a registered veterinary technician (RVT) and what do they do?

Veterinary technicians are a part of a veterinary health care team. RVTs are graduates of an accredited associate program in veterinary technology who have passed a national licensing exam. They are trained to perform laboratory and nursing procedures, to assist in medical and surgical procedures and to take x-rays. They also supervise hospital staff, educate clients, and dispense medications as prescribed by a veterinarian. They work under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Veterinary technicians must enjoy working with animals and people, have good basic math and science skills, and have the ability to problem-solve and multi-task.

What are prerequisites?

Prerequisites are courses that must be completed before another course can be taken. For example, if ENGL 1023 has a prerequisite of ENGL 1013, you must complete ENGL 1013 prior to taking ENGL 1023.

What prerequisite courses are required for Veterinary Technology?

Five prerequisite courses are required to apply for admission to the VTEC program:

MATH 1013 or 1103	College Algebra	3 hours
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3 hours
BIOL 1203	Biology Lecture for Science Majors	3 hours
BIOL 1201	Biology Lab for Science Majors	1 hours
VTEC 1011	Introduction to Veterinary Technology	<u>1 hours</u>
TOTAL		11

Must I complete the prerequisite courses before applying?

You may take the prerequisite courses in the spring semester during your application process. All decisions regarding acceptance to the program will be completed after final spring grades are received in the Veterinary Technology office.

What grade must I have in my prerequisite courses?

Veterinary Technology program applicants must have a grade of "C" or higher in each of the prerequisite courses.

When can I apply to the Veterinary Technology program?

BRCC accepts applications to the Veterinary Technology program only once each year, in the spring. The deadline for submission of applications for the fall 2018 class is Friday, May 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

What does "selective admissions" mean?

Baton Rouge Community College's (BRCC) Veterinary Technology Program seeks highly qualified and motivated students. Applicants with higher GPAs in the prerequisite courses and a higher score on the HOAE aptitude test will be ranked higher in the applicant pool. Keep in mind that a student who meets the minimum requirements may compete against a student who exceeds the minimum requirements. However, no student is guaranteed admission.

How does the admissions process work?

An admissions committee will evaluate all applications. Each of the required components will be assigned a weighted score. Those scores will be added to create a Composite Score for each applicant, which will be used to quantitatively determine admission to the program.

The required components are:

- Your grades in required prerequisite courses (40%)
- Your score on the Health Occupations Aptitude Exam, which has 5 sections: academic aptitude, spelling, reading comprehension, natural sciences, and vocational aptitude adjustment (40%)
- Your personal statement, BRCC classes, extracurricular activities, and job history (20%)

How will my GPA be calculated?

Your five prerequisite courses will equally weighted to calculate your grade score, with each "A" worth 4 points, each "B" worth 3 points, and each "C" worth 2 points. These scores will be weighted by a factor of 2.5 to create a maximum total of 50 points.

Is there an admissions test?

We have selected the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) Health Occupations Aptitude Examination (HOAE), as a component of the admissions process. This five-part, on-line exam takes about 2 ½ hours to complete and measures your core competencies in math, verbal and nonverbal communication, spelling, reading, natural sciences and vocational aptitude. You must register to take the exam this spring if you have not taken it within the last two years. The cost for the exam is \$20, payable to the Bursar's Office. You will receive a score in each section that reflects your percentile ranking compared to all veterinary technology students taking the exam this year nationwide. Your total maximum score for the HOAE is 50 points, 10 points per section.

How many applicants will be selected for admission?

Maximum class size is 16 students and admitted students will be ranked according to their Composite Score. A minimum Composite Score will be required, so class size may be smaller than 16 if fewer students meet this standard.

Do you have a waiting list?

Accepted students are required to confirm their admission to the program in writing. If more than 16 students meet the admission standards, then a waiting list will be created according to Composite Score rank. If an accepted student declines admission, then students on the waiting list will be contacted (in order) to accept a position in the class.

Can I go to school part-time?

No. Currently, we are accepting one group of students as a cohort class each year. The goal of this is to create an environment of teamwork and camaraderie for each class.

How long is the program?

Veterinary Technology is a five (5) semester, full-time program, with classes scheduled year-round, following the date structure of the BRCC Academic Calendar. New classes begin study each fall semester. Students graduate in the spring semester.

Will transfer credit be accepted?

Credit may be accepted for general education courses transferred from an accredited college or university. For details, check with BRCC's Office of Enrollment Services. Veterinary technology courses are non-transferrable except between certain in-state programs.

How can I set up an appointment for advisement?

You may set up an appointment by phoning, e-mailing, or stopping by the veterinary technology office in Cypress Building. Contact information is: Dr. Rebecca Adcock, Program Director, phone (225) 216-8099, e-mail adcockr@mybrcc.edu, or Madelyn Smith, RVT, Clinical Coordinator, phone (225) 216-8675, e-mail smithm3@mybrcc.edu.

What time will courses be offered?

The prerequisite courses and general education courses in the curriculum may be offered during the day, evening, weekend or on-line. Veterinary Technology courses will be offered once per year at designated times (to be determined) and must be taken in sequence.

Does BRCC offer childcare?

Not at the present time, and, for safety reasons, children are not allowed in the laboratories at any time.

Can I continue to work while completing the Veterinary Technology program?

It is possible for students to maintain employment during their academic studies in the Veterinary Technology program. However, students must keep in mind that this is a rigorous program requiring many outside study hours. Students should expect to spend approximately 3 study hours for every class hour in their schedule and should evaluate their ability to maintain an acceptable grade point average before planning to work. Also, clinical rotations and externships may require nontraditional scheduling. This may interfere with normal work hours. Consult your employer to discuss flexible work hours to accommodate class and study time.

Are student loans available? Will financial aid apply?

BRCC offers financial aid through many sources. Students may be eligible for TOPS, GO Grants, Pell Grants, Veteran's Benefits, and Federal Student Financial Aid loans. For more information, contact Financial Aid at finaid@mybrcc.edu or [BRCC Financial Aid](#). 2018-2019 FAFSA forms are available now.

Why do I have to submit to a health history and physical exam?

Rigorous and potentially hazardous clinical course work is required of students in the program, including handling of all types of animals. All safety precautions will be followed, yet students must realize that they will be exposed to dangerous substances, including radiation, anesthetic gases, chemotherapy drugs and other biological agents. You may also come in contact with animals that carry pathogens harmful to humans. To ensure the health of our students, we require that you be deemed by a physician as capable of completing the curriculum.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT PREGNANCY: Many of the agents and substances discussed above are dangerous to a developing fetus. Students who become pregnant or plan to become pregnant should be aware of this danger. It is our policy to follow AVMA and ADA guidelines on pregnancy in the workplace, to protect the fetus to the best of our ability by not allowing pregnant women to come in contact with fetotoxic substances. Students who are pregnant or plan to become pregnant during their program studies should consult with the Program Director to institute a special safety plan.

Will I be working with "real" animals?

Veterinary Technology is a career that requires handling and treatment of all types of animals. However, live animal use in our lectures and laboratories on campus is limited and regulated by USDA and IACUC. Students will be required to dissect preserved specimens in anatomy lab. We will use medical models and mannequins to teach many clinical techniques in the laboratory, then will practice those skills on live animals, mostly using our own pets. Our curriculum includes extensive clinical work with both small and large animals, which will be completed primarily off-campus during the three externship semesters.

Is the Veterinary Technology program at BRCC accredited?

Yes. The AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities accredits veterinary technology programs. We have completed the accreditation process and been awarded Initial Accreditation. All new veterinary technology programs are initially accredited during their first five years. During this period, the Veterinary Technology Program at BRCC is granted all privileges of accreditation. BRCC graduates are eligible to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam for certification and licensure as a Registered Veterinary Technician.

How much is tuition?

Visit BRCC's website (www.mybrcc.edu) for more information on tuition. Veterinary Technology students pay regular BRCC tuition/fees. Veterinary Technology students pay laboratory fees each semester and

will be required to purchase textbooks, uniforms, and personal clinical supplies. Students should also budget for the cost of rabies pre-exposure vaccination, required before entering clinical externships at LSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

What courses will I take?

The veterinary technology curriculum is a five-semester, full-time program, with 72 hours of required general education and program courses.

Prerequisites		Credit Hours
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
MATH 1013/1103	College Algebra	3
BIOL 1203	Biology I for Science Majors	3
BIOL 1201	Biology I Lab for Science Majors	1
VTEC 1011	Animal Health Careers	1
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First Semester (Fall 1)		Credit Hours
VTEC 1023	Vet Office Procedures & Hospital Mgmt	3
VTEC 1031	Veterinary Medical Terminology	1
VTEC 1041	Animal Breeds and Behavior	1
VTEC 1054	Animal Anatomy & Physiology	4
VTEC 1051	Animal Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory	1
BIOL 2104	General Microbiology	4
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Second Semester (Spring 1)		Credit Hours
VTEC 1212	Animal Nursing Skills I	2
VTEC 1232	Surgical Nursing for Veterinary Technicians	2
VTEC 1353	Clinical Pathology I Lecture	3
VTEC 1351	Clinical Pathology I Laboratory	1
VTEC 1412	Anesthesia for Veterinary Technicians	2
VTEC 1082	Pharmacology for Veterinary Technicians	2
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Third Semester (Summer)		Credit Hours
VTEC 1613	Imaging for Veterinary Technicians	3
VTEC 1711	Exotic Animal Medicine for Vet Technicians	1
VTEC 1872	Clinical Externship I	2
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Fourth Semester (Fall 2)		Credit Hours
VTEC 2274	Clinical Externship II	4
VTEC 2414	Large Animal Medicine and Nursing	4
VTEC 2053	Small Animal Medicine	3
VTEC 2352	Clinical Pathology II	2
VTEC 2212	Animal Nursing Skills II	2
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Fifth Semester (Spring 2)		Credit Hours
VTEC 2112	Laboratory Animal Medicine and Nursing	2
VTEC 2512	Trends in Veterinary Technology	2
VTEC 2574	Clinical Externship III	4
PSYC 2013	Introduction to Psychology	3
General Humanities*		3
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Total Program Hours	72
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***Select a Humanities Course from the approved list below:**

ENGL 2103, Literature and Ethnicity (3)
ENGL 2113, Introduction to Fiction (3)
ENGL 2153, Introduction to Poetry and Drama (3)
ENGL 2203, Major British Writers (3)
ENGL 2213, Major American Writers (3)
ENGL 2223, Major World Writers (3)
ENGL 2233, introduction to African-American Literature (3)
ENGL 2303, Introduction to Literature (3)
ENGL 2403, Introduction to Folklore (3)
ENGL 2483, Shakespeare: The More Popular Plays (3)
HIST 1013, History of World Civilizations I (3)
HIST 1023, History of World Civilizations II (3)
HIST 2003, History of Roman Republic and Empire (3)
HIST 2013, U.S. History (3)
HIST 2023, U.S. History II (3)
HIST 2213, Modern Europe 1500-1848 (3)
HIST 2223, Modern Europe 1848 to Present (3)
HUMN 2103, World Mythology (3)
HUMN 2503, Africa and the Middle East (3)
HUMN 2553, Asia and the Americas (3)
HUMN 2753, The Heroic Journey: From Classical to Contemporary (3)
PHIL 2013, Introduction to Philosophy (3)
PHIL 2033, Introduction to Logic (3)
PHIL 2053, Introduction to Ethics (3)
PHIL 2283, Philosophy of Religion (3)

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