



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

**VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
FALL 2024 APPLICATION PACKET**

**APPLICATION PACKETS FOR
STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION TO
THE FALL 202 CLASS
ARE DUE IN THE VETERINARY
TECHNOLOGY OFFICE BY
5:00 PM FRIDAY MAY 31st, 2024**

Return or e-mail completed application packet to:

**VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE
202 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 the animal health profession. Graduates are eligible to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) to become eligible for licensure in any state. In Louisiana, licensed technicians are annually registered and titled as Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT) by the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine.

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 INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. Complete an application to enroll in Baton Rouge Community College if you have not already done so. **You may enroll online: BRCC New College Student Enrollment.** Follow instructions.
2. Pay application fees online 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. Submit transcripts from other colleges attended to [Transcript Evaluation | BRCC \(mybrcc.edu\)](#).
5. Schedule (a) New Student Orientation, [New Student Orientation | BRCC \(mybrcc.edu\)](#) (b) Testing, [Testing Center | BRCC \(mybrcc.edu\)](#) and (c) [Advising New and Transfer Students | BRCC \(mybrcc.edu\)](#) (for first-time college students). For transfer students who have completed college Math and English with a C or better, meet with an advisor. [Advising | BRCC \(mybrcc.edu\)](#).
6. Contact the Financial Aid Office. Complete your FAFSA paperwork early! Check on payment options such as financial aid, deferred payment plans, and military scholarships by contacting your counselor in the [Financial Aid Office](#).
7. After general advising, seek advice from the Veterinary Technology Faculty to ensure you are enrolled in the correct pre-requisites. Enroll in recommended classes on LOLA. Print your schedule of classes.
8. Pay tuition and fees by payment due date or set up a deferred payment plan. [Bursar's Office](#)
9. Obtain your student ID card. [Public Safety Office](#)
10. Register your car and obtain a parking decal. [Public Safety Office](#)

11. Check your schedule the week before classes begin for changes that may have occurred in meeting location or time. Familiarize yourself with the BRCC Campus.

If you are a current or prospective student, you can now reach BRCC **24 hours a day, seven days a week** by contacting the Student Support Center. Call toll-free at **1-866-217-9823**. You can also email the 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 – YOUR APPLICATION!

1. Applicant **must** have a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Applicant **must** submit two (2) official transcripts from all colleges attended prior to Baton Rouge Community College.
 - a. Send one copy to [Transcript Evaluation | BRCC \(mybrcc.edu\)](#).
 - b. **Send one copy to BRCC VET TECH. Include an original copy of ALL your prior college transcripts with your Vet Tech Program application packet.** If your previous school offers “e-script”, an on-line service for submission of **official** transcripts, you may have them sent electronically to smithm3@mybrcc.edu
3. Applicant **must** have completed all BRCC admission requirements. (See Step 1).
4. Applicant **must** submit a **complete** BRCC Veterinary Technology Program Admissions Application by the stated deadline each year. (**May 31st, 2024**).
5. Applicant **must** submit a **passport-type photo ID** with your application. Attach the photo to the upper right corner of your application. **Note:** You do not need a passport. You MUST attach an **ORIGINAL passport-type photo** (2” x 3”). You can have the photo taken at drugstores (Walgreens) or other locations. It costs about \$10 and takes about 5 minutes.
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 almost all 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 1213 (formerly MATH 101/110)	College Algebra	3
ENGL 1013 (formerly ENGL 101)	English Composition I	3
BIOL 1033 (formerly BIOL 120)	Biol Lecture, Science Majors	3
BIOL 1031 (formerly BIOL 120L)	Biol Lab, Science Majors	1
VTEC 1011 (formerly VTEC 101)	Animal Health Careers	<u>1</u>
	TOTAL	11

7. Applicant **must** submit a **personal statement** of approximately 300 words, explaining why you want to be a veterinary technician. (See attachment for more specific information.) This is an essay, graded for content and composition.

***Instructions for taking the Entrance Exam have changed. Please complete the following steps to create an account with ATI Testing, register to take the TEAS exam online at the BRCC Testing Center, and have your scores sent to the Baton Rouge Community College Allied Health Program.**

8. Applicant **must** complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (**TEAS Exam**) by **May 24, 2024**. This requires registration for the exam and completion of the exam.
- Can substitute Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (HOAE) score if taken within the last three years.
 - Pre-register for the exam, visit the website:
 - [TEAS Exam Information | Register For The TEAS | ATI \(atitesting.com\)](#) We strongly recommend that you prepare for the TEAS exam. Review the exam questions before taking the exam to familiarize yourself with the content of the exam. Several TEAS prep guides are available on-line through Amazon or from the ATI Website. You must make a minimum score of 40% on the exam to be considered for admission to the Vet Tech Program.
 - When registering, make sure you list Baton Rouge Community College Allied Health (not Nursing*) as your school. You must select the ATI Remote Proctor – Allied Health version of the exam.**

Additional Tips:

- **On your Veterinary Technology Program Application, fill in the TEAS Exam Information box or specify if you will be using a previous HOAE score.**
- **Student Exam Preparation and Testing** - Baton Rouge Community College Veterinary Technology Program requires the ATI TEAS entrance test for all qualified applicants to the program. The ATI TEAS exam comprises 40% of the applicant's admission score. When you register with ATI, you will pay the \$115 exam fee via credit or debit card. You may purchase a study manual and practice exam from ATI Allied Health at the web links posted below. It is strongly recommended that applicants utilize these study aids to prepare. The practice exams are administered by ATI online. The exam administered by BRCC during the application period is an online exam.
- AVAILABLE AT **ATITESTING.COM** WEBSITE: ATI TEAS Study Manual and online Practice Assessment. Check for occasional discounted prices. Price: \$ 90.00 (<https://atitesting.com/teas/basic-package>) and \$249.00 (<https://atitesting.com/teas/comprehensive-study-package>)

- The TEAS Exam is available for on-campus testing with BRCC's Testing Center. You register through ATI's website. When you create an account be sure to link it to Baton Rouge CC AH. When searching for times to register they will be listed under the Allied Health search title. The following dates and times should be available for registration in your ATI account.
 - ☐ March 19, 2024 8:30am
 - ☐ April 9, 2024 8:30am
 - ☐ April 11, 2024 8:30 am

PACKETS ARE DUE ON May 31st NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM!

YOU MUST TAKE THE TEAS BY May 31st .

MAILED PACKETS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 31st .

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

- ATI TEAS Exam = 200 points maximum (40%)
- Pre-Requisite Course Grades = 200 points maximum (40%)
- Application = 100 points maximum (20%)
 - 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.

ATI TEAS Exam- This exam makes up 40% of the composite score. If you take this exam more than once, you may use the higher score. You may take the TEAS exam a maximum of two times per year.

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 scale below This scale measures your stated motivation for becoming a vet tech (5 points), your stated compassion for animals (5 points), your grammar and spelling (5 points), and the composition of your personal statement (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 animals and <u>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 (ONLY STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO THE PROGRAM MUST MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS)

1. Applicants will be notified of admission status (Admitted or Denied) by **letter** on or about June 29, 2024, after final spring semester grades are received and composite scores compiled.
2. **Students must accept their offer of admission by letter, or in person to the Veterinary Technology Office, 202 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 students must provide proof of complete vaccination against COVID-19 before program admission.
- 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. Students must provide proof that they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This is a state policy for all allied health students participating in clinical externships.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. **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.
8. The use of unauthorized personal electronic devices during classes WILL NOT be tolerated.
9. 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.
10. Students are now required (per AVMA Standard) to receive the pre-exposure rabies vaccination series prior to beginning any work with live animals in the clinical program at Baton Rouge Community College. Students must bear the cost of the vaccination series. BRCC is working with financial aid and other companies to provide the service at a discount of the \$900 retail cost. Students are urged to contact their primary care physicians about alternate discount programs for this new mandatory vaccination.
11. 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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5/31/2024 @ 5 pm
 INCOMPLETE OR LATE
 APPLICATIONS
 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BRCC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In-progress	2. MATH 1213 College Algebra GRADE= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In-progress	3. ENGL 1013 English Composition I GRADE= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In-progress	4. BIOL 1033 Biology for Science Majors GRADE= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In-progress	5. BIOL 1031 Biology Lab for Science Majors GRADE= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In-progress	6. VTEC 1011 Animal Health Careers GRADE= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In-progress	7. Complete and Sign Vet Tech Program Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In-progress	8. Complete and submit personal statement
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	9. Submit Passport Photo ID
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Submit transcripts to Vet Tech Office (Transfer students only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts submitted <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	List name(s) of school(s) attended: a. b. c.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	11. If you have previously taken the TEAS or Health Occupations Aptitude Exam and wish to use that score, submit test score.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	12. Register for and take the TEAS online admission exam by May 31 .

PROGRAM APPLICATION VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Attach Passport
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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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, what crime and when?	
Have you ever abused, sold or distributed illegal drugs or controlled substances? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Degrees earned
Organizations, Clubs, Volunteer Work, Honors, Awards, etc.	
Have you previously taken the TEAS or Health Occupations Aptitude Exam? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If you have taken the TEAS or HOAE within the last three years, would you like to use that score? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you previously been enrolled in a veterinary technology program at any other institution? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, what school? Why did you leave that program?

WORK HISTORY

Company	Supervisor's Name	Phone No.	Job Title	Dates Employed

TEAS EXAM INFORMATION*

☐ I need to take the TEAS exam. (☐ with accomm.) ☐ BRCC Testing Center (see dates) ☐ Off-site Proctored

Name: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

*Registering for the TEAS obligates the applicant to pay ATI TEAS for administration of the exam. BRCC is not responsible for the payment of this fee and can collect it from the applicant.

I am applying 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

You may type your essay here or submit on a separate page:



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 1213	College Algebra	3 hours
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3 hours
BIOL 1033	Biology Lecture for Science Majors	3 hours
BIOL 1031	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 2023 class is Friday, May 19, 2023, 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 TEAS 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 TEAS Exam, which has 4 sections: English Usage, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and Science (40%)
- Your personal statement, BRCC classes, extracurricular activities, and job history (20%)

How will my GPA be calculated?

Your five prerequisite courses will equally be 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?

Yes. The ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a component of the admissions process. This four-part, on-line exam takes about 4 hours to complete and measures your core competencies in English Usage, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and Science. You must register to take the exam this spring (before the admissions deadline) if you have not taken it within the last five years.

To register, create and log into your ATI account at www.atitesting.com. Click on the “Register for TEAS” icon on the ATI Home Page.

You must receive a minimum score of 40 on the exam to be considered for admission to the Veterinary Technology Program. We highly recommend that you purchase TEAS Prep materials and study for the exam prior to taking it.

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. Veterinary technology courses are scheduled in advance, and most semesters students are in class 2 or 3 days per week. This allows many students to arrange to work schedules around their classes.

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 Advising Services. [Advising | BRCC \(mybrcc.edu\)](#). Veterinary technology courses are non-transferrable except between certain in-state programs. Madelyn Smith Lackey can advise you about transfer from other veterinary technology programs.

How can I set up an appointment for advising in veterinary technology?

You may set up an appointment by phoning, e-mailing, or stopping by the veterinary technology office in Cypress Building. Contact information is: Program Director, Madelyn Smith Lackey, RVT (225) 216-8675 email smithm3@mybrcc.edu. Zoom advising sessions can also be scheduled.

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](#). 2023 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 full Accreditation for a period of 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, which is required before entering externships.

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 1213	College Algebra	3
BIOL 1033	Biology I for Science Majors	3
BIOL 1031	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 2103/2101	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
		14
Total Program Hours		72

***Select a Humanities Course from the approved list below:**

ENGL 2133, Literature and Ethnicity (3)
 ENGL 2303, Introduction to Fiction (3)
 ENGL 2313, Introduction to Poetry and Drama (3)
 ENGL 2123, Major British Writers (3)
 ENGL 2173, Major American Writers (3)
 ENGL 2223, Major World Writers (3)
 ENGL 2323, Introduction to Literature (3)
 ENGL 2403, African-American Literature (3)
 ENGL 2483, Shakespeare: The More Popular Plays (3)
 ENGL 2503, Introduction to Folklore (3)
 HIST 1113, History of World Civilizations I (3)
 HIST 1123, History of World Civilizations II (3)
 HIST 2003, History of Roman Republic and Empire (3)
 HIST 2013, American History Colonial to 1865 (3)
 HIST 2023, American History 1865 to Present (3)
 HIST 2213, Modern Europe 1500-1848 (3)
 HIST 2223, Modern Europe 1848 to Present (3)
 HUMN 2013, Africa and the Middle East (3)
 HUMN 2103, World Mythology (3)
 HUMN 2553, Asia and the Americas (3)
 HUMN 2753, The Heroic Journey: From Classical to Contemporary (3)
 PHIL 1013, Introduction to Philosophy (3)
 PHIL 2013, Introduction to Ethics (3)
 PHIL 2113, Introduction to Logic (3)
 PHIL 2283, Philosophy of Religion (3)

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