VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Program Description

This program prepares the student for employment as a Veterinary Technician. These professionals are integral members of the veterinary care team in private veterinary practices, research laboratories, kennels, zoos, and public practice/government agencies. Students are trained to work with a broad range of animal species and to become proficient in performing a variety of tasks including medical and surgical nursing procedures, laboratory testing, anesthesia induction, recovery maintenance, monitoring, holding and restraining animals during exams and treatments, collecting specimens, taking diagnostic X-rays, administering medication or treatments, assisting in surgery, and assisting with client education.

Successful completion of the program will lead to an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology and prepares students to take the Veterinary Technician National Examination for certification.

Students admitted to the Veterinary Technology program must undergo a background check, submit proof of immunizations and health insurance.

Veterinary Technician Program Accreditation

- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Specialized Accreditation American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA CVTEA)

Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) Veterinary Technology Program has achieved program approval through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the AVMA CVTEA.

This is a competitive program; applications are due in the fall of each year for admission into the program in Spring. Pre-requisite classes can be completed in the fall prior to the intended admission to the program. A link to the application form and information about the interview process can be found here:

https://www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/programs/veterinary-technology.html

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Associates

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