VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Program Description
This program prepares the student for employment as a Veterinary Technician. These professionals are an integral member 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 obtain professional liability insurance.

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

Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) Veterinary Technology Program is in the process of submitting the required documentation to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for program approval as well as submitting an application for accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA CVTEA). The AVMA CVTEA application does not guarantee accreditation nor does it grant any temporary status of accreditation. While students may take classes that are potentially required for a degree, students will not be matriculated into the Veterinary Technology Program until HLC approval is granted. Students will not be eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam until AVMA CVTEA program approval is granted. WCCC is working toward obtaining initial accreditation prior to graduation of the first cohort.

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Programs of Study
Associates
- Veterinary Technology (AAS) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/veterinary-technology/vet-tech-aas/)