

Veterinary Technology Entry Requirements

Students seeking enrollment for the Veterinary Technology Program must fulfill a two step admissions/enrollment process. First students must complete the standard admissions process. Students are recommended to enroll and complete a semester or two of classes at SUNY Ulster before applying and completing the second step to become eligible for the Veterinary Clinical courses.

STEP 1 - Standard Admissions and Enrollment Process for the Veterinary Technology Program

- Submission of a completed Admissions application to the College. Students can apply online and access detailed information on the College's admission process at www.sunyulster.edu/admissions/start_here
- Submission of high school transcripts or equivalency in addition to all official college transcripts from schools attended
- Applicants must read and sign the Technical Standards Form and submit to the Office of Admissions
- Satisfactory placement in the College's Entering Student Assessment Test
- Completion of the Online Orientation
- Register and enroll in required prerequisites and specific Veterinary Technology courses (VTS 148, 150, 151, 152, and 155)

STEP 2 - Enrollment in the Veterinary Technology Clinical Courses (VTS 253 and VTS 256)

Enrollment in the Veterinary Technology Clinical Courses is a competitive process comprised of the HOBET test results, educational records, a personal essay, field experience and a Veterinary Technology Committee review. All requirements for enrollment for the two clinical courses must be completed on or before February 15 for the Fall semester and October 15 for the Spring semester. These two courses are usually taken in the third semester if you are a full-time student.

The following requirements are needed for the Veterinary Technology Clinical Courses (VTS 253 and VTS 256) and can be completed while enrolled in the first two semesters at SUNY Ulster.

- All students who intend to enter the Veterinary Clinical Courses will be required to submit a separate Veterinary Technology application to the Veterinary Technology Office on or before February 15 for the Fall semester and October 15 for the Spring semester.
- Applicants must sign with their academic advisor a second time the Technical Standards Form for enrollment in the clinical courses.
- Students must have and maintain an overall minimum 2.5 GPA in all required courses in order to be considered for entry into the Veterinary Technology Program. All required science courses must have been completed within the last five years with a minimum grade of 2.0 or higher. If courses have been repeated, the most recent grade will be considered.

- Completion of the **NHA HOBET** (Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test) is required. The HOBET will be administered to our Veterinary Technology applicants at SUNY Ulster beginning in January for Fall entry and September for Spring entry into the clinical courses. The Learning Assistance Center will be administering the HOBET and pre-registration for the test is required. The testing fee is due at the time of registration. Go to the ATI website www.atialliedhealth.com for additional information on the examination fee and the registration process. The examination dates will be posted on our website at www.sunyulster.edu/vettech. The exam can be taken once a year for each veterinary technology applicant.
- An essay will be administered in the VTS 149 Introduction to Veterinary Science Technology class and will be evaluated by the Veterinary Technology Committee prior to enrolling in VTS 253 and 256.
- Applicants must have experience working in an animal hospital. **Verification of a minimum of 40 hours work experience in a veterinary hospital is required.** Please note that it's the responsibility of the student to schedule and meet the 40 hours work experience.