

Veterinary Technology

School of Health Professions
Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC)
Essex Campus

Admission Guide

2019 - 2020



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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Veterinary Technology Program at the Essex Campus of The Community College of Baltimore County.

The Veterinary Technology Program is designed to be completed on a full-time basis. Admission to this program is competitive and may include an interview with the program staff. Please carefully review the information contained within this guide to ensure you have completed all steps required for admission consideration.

I wish you the best with submission of your admission application.

Sincerely,

Carol Schwartz, VMD
Program Director

Program Description

The Veterinary Technology Program officially begins in the fall semester. All prerequisites must be satisfied prior to starting in the Program. Veterinary technicians are vital members of the profession. The five-semester Veterinary Technology Program provides students with the foundation and skill set necessary to pursue a career as a veterinary technician in private practice, specialty practice, emergency, zoo/wildlife, labs, research, shelters, etc. Emphasis is on companion animals, with exposure to lab animal, exotic and large animal species. The program includes didactic and interactive learning as well as clinical experience. An internship of clinical rotations is provided by the program during the second year. The Veterinary Technology Program is a Selective Admissions process and admittance to the program is highly competitive. Although minimum grades in prerequisites are required and listed, grades of B or better are strongly recommended. The application deadline is April 15th but VETT 106 or BIOL 110 taken in the spring will be accepted with the understanding that SHP Admissions will then use these course grades in their evaluation.



Accreditation

The Veterinary Technology Program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association ([AVMA website: www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)). Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA/CVTEA)

Admissions Deadline

April 15th for a Fall start

Required Coursework

All courses must be completed prior to the beginning of the program. Students can be in progress with prerequisite courses at the time of application. Students must achieve a grade of “C” or better on all prerequisite courses.

- VETT 106 – Introduction to Veterinary Technology
- BIOL 109 – Human Anatomy and Physiology
- PSYC 101 – Introduction to Psychology
- CSIT 101 – Technology and Information Systems
- ENGL 101 – College Composition I
- MATH 163 – Pre-Calculus I
- CMNS 101 – Fundamentals of Communication
- General Education Elective- Choose an Arts/Humanities or Social/Behavioral course in either category from the list of approved General Education Courses. It must be a Diversity Course.
 - PSYC 105: Human Relations in a Culturally Diverse Society, can satisfy the PSYC 101 and Diversity requirement

Admission Criteria

- A CCBC GPA of 2.00 or higher for any courses completed at CCBC.
- Two professional electronic references found in your SHP CAS application.
 - One must be from a Veterinarian (DVM or VMD) or registered, certified, licensed Veterinary Technician (RVT, CVT, LVT) with whom the applicant is currently working (paid or volunteer employment accepted).
 - One can be from a second Veterinarian, Veterinary Technician, or an instructor/professor or a current employer.



- Write a short biographical sketch including your qualifications and interest in Veterinary Technology as your prospective career. Submitted as a question response within the application.
- Interviews, if conducted, are scheduled over a 2-3 day period, either the last week in May or the first or second week of June. Selected applicants must be available over this time period; no exceptions will be made.

Steps for Admission

1. Apply for admission to CCBC at <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/apply>
2. Participate in assessment testing, if necessary.
3. Complete prerequisite courses as necessary.
4. Once you have your CCBC Student ID number, log into <https://shp.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login> and apply to the **CCBC SHP VET TECH** program by the application deadline. The **non-refundable** \$50 application fee is due at time of submission.
5. It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure that all documents have been received or uploaded into the SHP CAS by the April 15th deadline.
6. Applicants will receive an **email** inviting them to complete the **CCBC SHP Supplemental application** once their program SHP CAS application has been verified. Instructions will be in the email.

TRANSCRIPTS

1. This program requires that all official college transcripts be submitted to the SHP CAS preferably 4-6 weeks prior to the admission deadline.
 - a. SHP CAS Transcript Processing Center
 - i. All official U.S. College transcripts, **including CCBC**, are required to be sent to the SHP CAS Transcript Processing Center. Hard copies (paper copies) must be sent along with the Transcript Matching Form for each transcript (found in the second quadrant of your SHP CAS application) to the below address. Alternatively, you may choose to send an electronic transcript (if your school offers it) for faster processing. You may find us as SHP CAS or something similar according to how your school has it listed.

SHP CAS Transcript Processing Center

P.O. Box 9134

Watertown, MA 02471

- b. CCBC Enrollment Services Center, Baltimore, MD



- i. Additionally, ALL official U.S. College transcripts, **not including CCBC**, must be sent to the CCBC Enrollment Services Center. Directions can be found using this URL <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/get-started>
- c. SHP Admission Office, Baltimore, MD
 - i. If you have CLEP scores, AP scores and/or an International College Transcript evaluation, the official score report or evaluation must be sent directly to our office. Do not send it to Watertown or to Enrollment Services. We will forward the report or evaluation once we have used it for admission consideration, to the appropriate group.

CCBC School of Health Professions Admission Office

7201 Rossville Blvd.

Administration Building, Suite 100

Baltimore, Maryland 21237

2. All applicants are responsible for checking to see that their official transcripts have been received in the appropriate locations.
 - a. SHP CAS – log into your applications and select the Check Status tab in the upper right corner. If you have a concern, select the blue question mark at the top of your application and follow the prompts.
 - b. CCBC Enrollment Services – Log into your SIMON account to determine if your transcripts have been received and to review your transfer of credit.

Applications missing transcripts will not be considered for admission.

Admission Response

Admissions decisions are emailed to applicants approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the application deadline.

Technical Standards

All applicants must meet the physical and emotional standards that are required by the AVMA and Committee on Veterinary Technician Education. All applicants must possess the ability to kneel, bend, stoop, and reach in all directions to handle animals and equipment. They must have the ability to restrain, lift and carry animals that weigh up to 45 pounds. Applicants must also be able to perceive the alerting sounds of equipment, verbal commands of the veterinarian or veterinary technician, recognize animals that are in distress, and be able to respond quickly if needed. A successful veterinary technician must possess the capability to be self-confident,



emotionally stable with sound judgment, tolerate high stress situations, and have the ability to integrate knowledge and performance into practical situations.

Post Admission

Applicants should be aware that the following items will be required to progress in the clinical/practicum components of the program. Further information will be provided by the program director.

- Proof of a recent physical examination with current immunizations,
- Proof of current health insurance and,
- Criminal background investigation, and
- Drug screening.

Veterinary Technician's Oath

I solemnly dedicate myself to aiding animals and society by providing excellent care and services for animals, by alleviating animal suffering, and by promoting public health.

I accept my obligations to practice my profession conscientiously and with sensitivity, adhering to the profession's Code of Ethics and furthering my knowledge and competence through a commitment to lifelong learning.

Who to Contact

Academic Advising – Advising is available at all campuses and extension centers. Please ask to speak with a **Health and Science Pathways Advisor** only. For the Catonsville campus call 443-840-4382 or visit the Student Services Center room 102. For the Essex campus call 443-840-1973 or visit the Student Services Center room 120A. For the Dundalk campus, call 443-840-3816 or visit the Student Services Center room 102. The hours, addresses and phone numbers for all sites can be found by calling 443-840-2222 or online at

<http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Resources-for-Students/Academic-Advisement/Contact-an-Academic-Advisor.aspx>.

School of Health Professions Office of Admissions at 443-840-1989 or email shpseat@ccbcmd.edu

