Veterinary technicians are in high demand!

If you have a passion for science and enjoy working with animals, you can have a rewarding career that ensures the health and well-being of animals. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the veterinary technology field is expected to grow by 52% between 2010 and 2020. This places veterinary technology at number five on the top ten growth fields list!

Career opportunities
- Veterinary Private Practices
- Humane Societies
- Specialty Veterinary Medicine
- Zoo/Wildlife Medicine
- Agriculture
- Biomedical Research

Program Information
Hillsborough Community College is proud to offer an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program to serve local veterinary medical practices and this growing profession.

Degree Structure
- 18 credit hours of general education requirements
- 55 credit hours of veterinary technology courses (ATE course prefix)

The veterinary technology program admits new students each fall term. Applicants must have 12 general education credit hours completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Veterinary Technology Program
Associate in Science (AS) Degree (73 Credit Hours)

Program Mission Statement
“To provide superior veterinary technology instruction, cutting-edge technology, and hands-on opportunities for students in an innovative learning environment, so they acquire the skills to excel in today’s highly competitive workplace.”

Veterinary Technology program includes the following courses:
- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Pharmacology
- Animal Clinical Pathology
- Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine
- Animal Emergency Medicine
- Animal Nursing
- Veterinary Work Experience

Completion of this degree allows and prepares students to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam and achieve the status of Certified Veterinary Technician.
What are the benefits of becoming a Certified Veterinary Technician?

Credentialing elevates the role and responsibilities of veterinary technicians in every setting.

According to the October 2008 Veterinary Technician Journal: **Education + Certification = Higher Pay.**

A high percentage of veterinary technicians make between $11-16 per hour. However, 40% of credentialed veterinary technicians surveyed by MediMedia Research made $17-22 per hour—while only 21% of non-credentialed veterinary technicians could report an hourly wage within this range. It pays to be certified!
The HCC Live Information Center is a resource for future as well as currently enrolled students to find answers to questions about admissions, advising, registration, financial aid, and other services. Check out HCC Live at hccfl.edu. For direct phone service, call toll-free at 1.877.736.2575 or 813.253.7000.

The HCC Plant City Campus wants to help you achieve your educational goals. Apply online today and enroll in six easy steps. Simply visit hccfl.edu/registernow.

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