

Veterinary Technology

Application & Information Packet

Priority Application Deadline

March 1, 2020



**Mount Wachusett
Community College**

Application for Entrance

September 2020

Thank you for considering the Veterinary Technology program at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Admission to this program is competitive and seats are limited. Therefore, everyone who applies may not be admitted to the program. Files must be complete by the application deadline in order to be eligible for review by the Admission Committee. Students may not co-enroll in more than one selective program at any given time.

Important Application Information:

- Applicants must submit a completed application, including this signature page and checklist along with all required documentation by the application deadline.
- Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant and are not eligible for review by the Admissions Committee.
- Letters of Recommendation are not accepted.
- Education completed outside of the U.S. must be evaluated for equivalency. Evaluating agencies can be found at www.naces.org.
- Official transcripts must be received directly from the sending institution or may be hand delivered to the Office of Admissions in a sealed envelope.

Please place a ✓ next to items you are submitting along with selective application. Incomplete applications will be returned.

- Completed Veterinary Technology application**
- Verification of Completion of high school or equivalency:** All applicants must provide proof of high school completion or equivalency by submission of high school or HISET (high school equivalency test) transcripts, copy of high school diploma or HISET certificate. Education completed outside of the U.S. must be officially translated/evaluated for high school equivalency.
- Official college transcripts (if applicable):** Transfer credits must be completed at an accredited college and official sealed transcripts should be submitted. Photocopies will not be reviewed or accepted. Education completed outside of the U.S. must be officially translated/evaluated for college course equivalency. Evaluating agencies can be found at www.naces.org.

Date transcripts requested, if not submitted at time of application.

- Documentation demonstrating that all minimum requirements for consideration have been met. **Note: Science and math courses cannot be older than 10 years.**
- Students whose native language is not English and those who have not completed Grades K-12 in the U.S. must demonstrate English proficiency by having completed ENG101 with a grade of C+ or higher, or score 213 on the computerized version or 550 on the paper version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL scores) or have completed a Bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.

I hereby attest I have submitted all documentation required at time of submission for this selective application

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of MWCC Admissions personnel

Date



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EDUCATION INFORMATION

Which of the following have you been awarded: High School Diploma HiSET (GED) Certificate Home School Diploma

Name of High School/Home School/Testing Center: _____ Location: _____

Date Awarded (month/yr): ____/____/____ (documents awarded outside of the U.S. must be evaluated to meet U.S. standards) City State

Are you a current MWCC student? Yes No MWCC Student ID Number (if applicable): _____

Have you completed courses at MWCC? Yes No If yes, approximately how many credits have you completed at MWCC? _____

Have you completed courses at a college other than MWCC? If so, what is your highest level of college completed?

Some college Associate Degree Bachelor Degree Master Degree Doctor's Degree Certificate

Please list all colleges you have attended:

College City State/Country College City State/Country

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Will you be asking the Committee to review college transcripts from college(s) other than MWCC? Yes No

MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Have you met the English requirement? Yes (indicate how below) No In Progress

Completed a college course equal or greater than ENG098 with a grade of C+ or greater at _____ with a Grade of _____.

Met with College Placement Testing

Met based on High School/GPA (See Admissions for clarification)

Have you met the math requirement? Yes (indicate how below) No In Progress

Completed a college course equal or greater than MAT097 with a grade of C+ or greater at _____ with a Grade of _____.

Met with College Placement Testing

Met based on High School/GPA (See Admissions for clarification)

Have you met the science requirement? Yes (indicate how below) No In Progress

Completed Biology I (BIO109) or Life Science with Allied Health (BIO113) with a grade of C+ or greater at _____ with a Grade of _____.

Met with Competency Testing

Request review of High School Biology course - High School transcript required

Have you attended an Information Session? Yes No If yes, what date? _____

Do you hold any current medical licensure? Yes No If yes, what licensure and state? _____

I have read the Technical Standards and understand that it is my responsibility to discuss any accommodation that I may need with the appropriate College representative.

Yes No

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ethnic Background: Do you identify yourself as: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Select one or more races, as you identify yourself:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American White Cape Verdean Native Hawaii or Pacific Islander

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Separated Widowed

Have you, your spouse, or your parents ever served in the U.S. Military: yes no

Emergency Contact Person: Name: _____ Relationship to the Applicant: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
Street & Apt. # City State Postal/Zip Code

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID?

I have already applied I plan on applying I do not plan on applying

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available on the federal financial aid web site at www.fafsa.gov. Financial aid can be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, transportation, and other educational expenses. MWCC strongly encourages you to complete the FAFSA. If you have questions about your financial aid application or college financial planning, please call the college Financial Aid Office at 978-630-9169 or online at mwcc.edu/financial.

SIGNATURE

I hereby apply to MWCC. I agree to accept the regulations and requirements of the college and will cooperate with the students, faculty, and administration in the maintenance of high standards and appropriate conduct. I understand that concealment of facts or untruthful statements may result in my application being withdrawn or cause me to be dismissed from Mount Wachusett Community College. The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand and consent to the information provided on this completed form being used to contact me by (check all that apply):
 automated telephone text messaging for matters related to my enrollment at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

(Required if applicant is under the age of 18 at time of application)

Office use only:

Date Received: _____



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MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must meet all requirements and submit all documentation listed on pages 1 and 3.
2. Courses in progress at time of application deadline will not be considered as meeting these requirements.
3. Your file will be reviewed and you will be notified by mail of the decision approximately 60 days following the application deadline.
4. Science and math courses older than 10 years are not accepted.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (REFERENCE ONLINE COURSE CATALOG FOR UP-TO-DATE REQUIREMENTS MWCC.EDU)

Please note that the following information must be received before courses begin:

- Students accepted to Health Programs must be in compliance with the current immunization requirements specified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for Health Care Personnel (HCP) and in accordance with state law, MGL, Chapter 76, Section 15C and its regulations at 105 CMR 220.700 in order to participate in an externship placement or clinical experience.
- Health examination conducted within the past two years by a licensed healthcare provider.
- Immunization Requirements for Health Science Students: Two (2) doses Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine; two (2) doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine; three (3) doses Hepatitis B vaccine AND Hepatitis B titer showing immunity to the disease; one (1) TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine within 10 years; one (1) dose Meningococcal vaccine (ages 16-21); annual Influenza vaccine; initial "2 step" PPD or Quantiferon Gold TB blood test and then annual TB testing (negative chest x-ray within 5 years AND annual TB Questionnaire also accepted); a complete physical exam within two years. Contact the Health Services Office at 978-630-9136 for more information.
- Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 coverage is required. Students will be covered under the college's liability insurance policy, which will be billed through student fees.
- CPR Certification (Healthcare Provider) is required. A certificate of completion must be presented to the Department Chair prior to beginning outside clinical work within the VTE program.
- All veterinary technology students must participate in the Massachusetts Community College Health Insurance or provide accurate information regarding comparable coverage.
- Completion of CORI form.
- Drug testing may be mandatory at some MWCC clinical instruction sites. Clinical sites may require the student obtain certain background checks (state/federal criminal or sexual offender), finger printing and/or drug testing before participating in the clinical experience. Costs for these reviews will be the responsibility of the student.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS (PLEASE REFERENCE ONLINE COURSE CATALOG FOR UP-TO-DATE REQUIREMENTS MWCC.EDU)

Students entering these programs must be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Comprehend textbook material at a college level.
- Communicate and assimilate information either in spoken, printed, signed, or computer voice format.
- Gather, analyze, and draw conclusions from data.
- Stand for a minimum of two hours.
- Walk for a minimum of six hours, not necessarily consecutively.
- Stoop, bend, and twist for a minimum of 30 minutes at a time and be able to repeat this activity at frequent intervals.
- Differentiate colors as assessed by standard color blindness evaluation.
- Determine by touch: hotness/coldness, wetness/dryness, hardness/softness.
- Use the small muscle dexterity necessary to do such tasks as gloving, gowning, and operating controls on machinery.
- Respond to spoken words, monitor signals, call bells, and vital sign assessment equipment.
- Identify behaviors that would endanger a person or animal's life or safety and intervene quickly in a crisis situation with an appropriate solution.
- Remain calm, rational, decisive, and in control at all times, especially during emergency situations.
- Lift a 50-pound animal or assist with a larger animal and transfer the animal from one location to another
- Exhibit social skills appropriate to professional interactions.
- Maintain cleanliness and personal grooming consistent with close personal contact.
- Function without causing harm to self or others if under the influence of prescription or over-the-counter medications

Students are expected to meet the technical standards for enrollment in college programs. In some cases, assessment and developmental courses may help students meet these standards. Technical standards must be met with or without accommodations. The college complies with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Therefore, the College will make a reasonable accommodation for an applicant with a disability who is otherwise qualified.

ACCREDITATION

MWCC's initial application for accreditation has been accepted by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The AVMA's acceptance of the initial application is not a temporary status of accreditation, nor a guarantee of accreditation. In the event that AVMA accreditation is granted, the program's graduates will be qualified to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE). The VTNE is owned and administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) at www.aavsb.org. Students seeking enrollment in this program are advised to contact MWCC Admissions at 978-630-9110 or at admissions@mwcc.edu for additional information.



STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Upon graduation from this program, students shall have demonstrated the ability to:

- Successfully carry out and complete each individual task as described within the Essential Skills List developed by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).
- Accurately compute mathematical calculations as necessary during the treatment and care of patients.
- Obtain the knowledge needed to articulate a scientific conversation in regard to animal behavior.
- Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the roles of the veterinary technician in the practice of their choice.
- Recognize the common vaccines used in domestic animals, describe the vaccine reactions seen in domesticated species, and analyze the types of drugs and their mechanisms of action.
- Memorize the local, state, and federal controlled substance laws.
- Demonstrate understanding of patient care before, during and after a surgical procedure.
- Effectively and accurately communicate with veterinary professionals and clients.
- Within the veterinary setting, evaluate the concept of medical records and record keeping, explain inventory and bookkeeping and assess veterinary sanitation protocols.
- Correctly operate laboratory analyzers and practice safe and ethical laboratory procedures.
- Describe and demonstrate the procedures used to diagnose parasitic infections in domestic animals.

BACKGROUND CHECKS, DRUG TESTING AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

A Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) review procedure has been implemented for students whose academic programs includes the potential for unsupervised contact with persons from vulnerable populations (i.e., children, the elderly and the disabled).

As part of the coursework in the Veterinary Technology program, students are required to complete practical hours in clinical facilities working with patients under the supervision of licensed providers. Clinical sites may require the student obtain certain background checks (state/federal criminal or sexual offender), finger printing and/or drug testing before participating in the clinical experience. Costs for these reviews will be the responsibility of the student.

Refusing to participate in these background checks or drug testing will result in the inability to progress in the program. A positive background check or drug test may also result in the inability to progress in the program.

The prospective student is encouraged to discuss any concerns with the program director prior to acceptance into the Veterinary Technology program. All screenings and background checks are completed AFTER admission/acceptance into the program.

By signing this application, the prospective student understands his/her responsibility to participate in and pay for these background checks/drug tests, if required by the clinical site. By signing this application, the prospective student also understands the consequences of refusing to test, or refusing to undergo the background checks.

READMISSION OR TRANSFER APPLICANTS:

Readmission to the veterinary technology program is not guaranteed and is offered on a space available basis. Readmission to the program will require successful completion of a readmission competency examination. A student seeking readmission to the veterinary technology program must follow the application procedure for new students and meet all requirements of general applicants. Students are limited to two admissions (one initial admission and one readmission) in the veterinary technology program. Mount Wachusett Community College reserves the right to limit the number of readmissions each academic year. The respective programs reserve the right to refuse readmission based on, but not limited to, unprofessional behavior, unethical conduct, and client safety issues. To be considered for readmission, applicants must submit a letter of intent to the Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management. Students will then be informed of any other admission requirements that must be met prior to consideration of readmission, including but not limited to a Competency Examination.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Office of Admissions offers monthly information sessions that will include program information, the admission process, and financial aid information. Attendance at an information session is mandatory. Transcript reviews are not conducted at these sessions. Please call 978-630-9110 for more information or visit mwcc.edu.

In compliance with the Clery Act (20 U.S.C. 1092(a) and (f)), all prospective students are entitled to review the MWCC Annual Security Report. This report may be accessed online at www.mwcc.mass.edu or by request through the Office of Admissions. Mount Wachusett Community College seeks to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, physical or mental disability, sex, national origin or ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information or veteran status.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

How do I make an appointment to complete my placement testing?

If you have not yet completed college level English and Math, your next step is to take the placement exam. Students may take the placement exam on any of our 3 campuses and options at each of those campuses vary. For more information, please check mwcc.edu/testing or contact Testing Services at 978-630-9244. If you completed placement testing in the past three years, these scores can be used if they meet the program requirements. An additional fee of \$10.00 will be charged for those individuals who request to retest.

Can I speak with an advisor about the Veterinary Technology Program?

Yes, you may attend a tour and information session and meet with a representative from the Admissions department. Call 978-630-9110 and reserve a seat!

How is my file evaluated?

Our veterinary technology class is selected from a pool of applicants who have displayed the minimum academic requirements for admission to the program. Space is limited and not all applicants are accepted. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be notified of the admission decision by mail approximately 60 days after the deadline. The process is competitive and your file will be ranked using the following criteria:

- Previous work/volunteer experience in the veterinary field
- HS Diploma or HiSET (GED) completion
- English Proficiency: Competency may be met with completion of an English course equal to ENG098 or higher with a C+ or greater or through college placement testing.
- Math Proficiency: Competency may be met with completion of a math course equal to MAT097 or higher with a C+ or greater or through college placement testing.
- Science Proficiency: Competency may be met with completion of a course equal to BIO109 or BIO113 or higher with a C+ or greater or through college placement testing.
- Courses completed and grades received
- Met based on High School/GPA (See Admissions for clarification)

Courses Completed and Grades Received:

An applicant must have satisfied high school diploma or equivalency requirements and met course work or placement requirements.

If I am not accepted this year, will I automatically be accepted next year?

No, you are not guaranteed acceptance. All applicants must reapply.

Where do I attend a clinical setting or placement, and how do I get there?

Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites. Clinical sites are determined annually.

Can I apply for Financial Aid?

Yes. Inquire at the Financial Aid Office, 978-630-9169. We encourage all applicants to apply for Financial Aid, using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at fafsa.gov.

Additionally, what must I know?

- It is up to the applicant to read the Technical Standards. It is the applicant's responsibility to discuss any accommodation that he/she may need by contacting the Coordinator of Disability Services at 978-630-9330.
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the application file is complete and that all items are received by the deadline.
- A CORI positive finding may prevent an applicant from successfully completing the veterinary technology program and may prohibit them from taking the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE).



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Estimated Cost and Classroom/ Clinical Schedule

2020 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS- (SELECTIVE)

The veterinary technology program will be offered at the Gardner Campus. Outlined below are estimated expenses associated with the veterinary technology program. This estimate is based upon 2019-2020 Massachusetts resident tuition and fee day rates of \$222/credit. Tuition and fees are subject to change and tuition/fee rates may vary based on course selection. College Semester Fee includes a registration fee, technology access fee, and student activity fee. LEM/Laboratory, equipment and material fees may apply to some courses.

Semester I

Number	Course Title	Cr.	Tuition/Fees
ENG101	College Writing I	3	\$666
MAT162	Introduction to Functions Modeling	4	\$888
CHE107	General Chemistry I	4	\$888
VTE101	Intro to Veterinary Technology	2	\$444
VTE102	Anatomy & Physiology of Domestic Animals I	4	\$888
VTE105	Veterinary Hospital Mgmt & Procedures	2	\$444
	Social Science Elective	3	\$666
	College Semester Fee		\$170
	Veterinary Technology Program Fee		\$850
	Approximate Tuition/Fee Cost:		\$5,904

Semester II

BIO205	Microbiology	4	\$888
VTE103	Anatomy & Physiology of Domestic Animals II	4	\$888
VTE110	Farm Animal Medicine	4	\$888
VTE115	Veterinary Parasitology	4	\$888
VTE120	Animal Diseases	2	\$444
ENG102	College Writing II	3	\$666
	College Semester Fee		\$170
	Veterinary Technology Program Fee		\$850
	Approximate Tuition/Fee Cost:		\$5,682

Semester III

VTE200	Domestic Animal Nutrition and Health	2	\$444
VTE205	Veterinary Pharmacology	2	\$444
VTE210	Veterinary Clinical Nursing Skills	4	\$888
VTE215	Veterinary Technical Externship I	3	\$666
VTE220	Veterinary Clinical Laboratory Procedures	4	\$888
	College Semester Fee		\$170
	Veterinary Technology Program Fee		\$850
	Approximate Tuition/Fee Cost:		\$4,350

Priority Application deadline:

The application deadline for admission is March 1. This selective enrollment program requires additional application components. The process is competitive, and space is limited.

Semester IV

Number	Course Title	Cr.	Tuition/Fees
VTE208	Veterinary Radiology	2	\$444
VTE216	Veterinary Technical Externship II	3	\$666
VTE218	Domestic Animal Behavior	2	\$444
VTE222	Laboratory Animal Medicine & Management	2	\$444
VTE225	Surgical Nursing & Dentistry	4	\$888
	Humanities Elective	3	\$666
	College Semester Fee		\$170
	Veterinary Technology Program Fee		\$850
	Approximate Tuition/Fee Cost:		\$4,572
	Approximate Total Tuition/Fee Cost:		\$20,508

College Health Insurance Plan

\$2,390

Note: If you already have health insurance, you will not need to purchase college insurance.

Miscellaneous Program Expenses:

\$3,000

Program Fees, Uniforms, Professional Equipment, Liability Insurance, CPR, Textbooks and Miscellaneous Materials

APPROXIMATE TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$28,288

Special requirements:

Applicants must meet all requirements for consideration before entering the program. Students must meet technical standards and additional requirements including immunizations, liability insurance, and a Criminal/Offender Records Information (CORI) check. (See college catalog for more information.)

Career options:

This program is career ready and intended for immediate career entry.

Requirements for Consideration:

Applicants must meet certain academic standards as well as demonstrate an understanding of a career in veterinary technology. Completion of high school diploma or equivalency and ENG098, MAT097 and BIO109 or BIO113 with a C+ or higher and not more than ten years old.



Employment

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Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Previous Last Name

MWCC Student ID (if known) _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Veterinary Care or Related Field Experience:

List employment with the most recent positions first. Attach additional sheets if necessary. **(Resumes are acceptable.)**

Employer organization	Job Description	Dates from/to	Supervisor Name & Phone No.

Does not apply

I certify that all information stated on this application form is accurate and complete. Concealment of facts or false statements may result in dismissal.

 Applicant Signature Date

 Parent or Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18) Date

Mount Wachusett Community College seeks to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, or disability.



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Contact & Campuses

Office of Admissions

Tel: 978-630-9110
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Email: admissions@mwcc.edu
Web: mwcc.edu/admissions

Financial Aid Office

Tel: 978-630-9169
Fax: 978-630-9459
Email: financialaid@mwcc.mass.edu
Web: mwcc.edu/financial

Student Accounts Office

Tel: 978-630-9386
Fax: 978-630-9459
Email: bursar@mwcc.mass.edu
Web: mwcc.edu/student-accounts

Records Office

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