Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician

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Admission Requirements

Northeast Iowa Community College

Until you complete the following admission requirements and are accepted into the program, **you are a Pre-Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician**.

Phase 1 Pre-Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician Student

WRITING REQUIREMENT You must meet **ONE** of the following:

☐ **HIGH SCHOOL** Graduated within the past **FIVE** years with a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA.	**OR**	☐ **COLLEGE** Completion of Foundations of Writing with a grade of C- or above OR completed a college degree.	If you don't meet one of those ← you must complete or provide one of the following. →	☐ **ACT*** **18**	**OR**	☐ **ACCUPLACER*** **5**

**Assessment results must be within three years of the student's application date.*

MATH REQUIREMENT You must meet **ONE** of the following:

☐ **HIGH SCHOOL** Graduated within the past **TWO** years with a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA and Completion of Algebra I and II with a grade of C- or above.	**OR**	☐ **COLLEGE** Completion of Intermediate Algebra with a grade of C- or above OR completed a college degree.	If you don't meet one of those ← you must complete or provide one of the following. →	☐ **ACT^** **22**	**OR**	☐ **ALEKS^** **45**

^Assessment results must be within two years of the student's application date.

☐ **ATI TEAS ENTRANCE EXAM**

This exam covers reading, math, science and language usage. A minimum **60%** composite score is required and minimum reading comprehension of **70%**. Test dates and scheduling can be found at www.nicc.edu/ati

Assessment results must be completed within five years of the student's application date and may be transferred from another institution.

☐ **FORMAL INTERVIEW**

Complete a formal interview with faculty from the Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician program. During the interview, the faculty will review the student's extracurricular and community activities, animal veterinary and work experience, personal development, professionalism and any special circumstances. Each factor is considered and will contribute to the overall impression of the applicant and their qualifications for the program. This should be treated as a professional interview, with the applicant dressing accordingly.

Interviews are available in-person and zoom, by appointment only. Students will be notified when requirements are met and given information on how to set up their interview.

You may enroll in general education courses required for the program.

Transcripts or assessment results must be submitted to the **Admissions Office** at **admissions@nicc.edu.**

Phase 2 Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician Program Acceptance

- You have been offered a spot within the Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician Program and must **RESPOND TO ACCEPT THE OFFER BY THE DEADLINE**.
  - If you **DO NOT RESPOND BY THE DEADLINE** your application may be canceled and you will need to start the process over.
- If the program reaches capacity, you may be placed on a waiting list, ranked by the date you completed all the admission requirements.

Phase 3 Program Requirements

The following requirements must be satisfied within the first semester of the Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician program at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). A student who does not successfully satisfy the program requirements will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist.

JOB SHADOW
Applicants must complete a veterinary technician job shadow. The job shadow should be a total of 16-20 hours at one or more facilities.

To arrange your visit contact the veterinary facility's Human Resources/Education department. Students must submit the completed Job Shadow verification form.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

- Rabies: Pre-exposure vaccination is given intramuscularly and consists of two injections given seven days apart. Proof of series completion is due to the Compliance Office before the start of the fall semester. A letter indicating the requirement for a rabies immunization can be obtained from the Compliance Office. Some insurance companies require this documentation to determine if the immunization is a covered expense.
- Influenza: Obtain vaccination between Sept.1 and Nov. 15. Proof of completion is due to the Compliance office by Oct. 1.
- Tetanus: Proof of a current tetanus vaccination is due prior to the start of the fall semester. This vaccine is valid for 10 years.

Students may choose the healthcare provider of their choice.
Winneshiek Public Health is a local provider that offers all of these immunizations.
Winneshiek Public Health | 563.382.4662

INTERNSHIPS
Students will participate in three internships. Announcement of internship placement will occur during the first year of the program by the Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician faculty.

- First Year Summer Semester:
  - Iowa State University (ISU): Two weeks (one week online, one week on-site) at the Swine Medicine Education Center in Ames, Iowa, with required housing on the ISU campus. Students will be required to provide proper documentation of health insurance.
  - Student Selected: Four-week on-the-job training at a veterinary clinic, lab or commercial facility approved by NICC faculty.
    Students are required to complete the internship and can choose their location.
- Second Year Spring Semester:
  - Student Selected: Four-week on-the-job training at a veterinary clinic, lab or commercial facility approved by NICC faculty.
    Students are required to complete the internship and must choose a location different from the year one internship.

Estimated Program Cost*

Expenses	
Tuition & Fees	$17,570 in-state* | $20,090 out-of-state*
Apparel for Labs/Clinicals & Student Lab Kits	$395
Radiation Detection Badge	$20
Physical Exam/Immunizations *(Based on health coverage)*	$1,000-5,000
Program Software & Exam Fees	$450
Summer Internships *(tuition, room & board)*	$1,200
Books	$2,400
Estimated Total Cost	**$23,035 - $27,035** in-state* | **$25,555 - $29,555** out-of-state*

** These costs are provided as a guide to financing your education. All costs are estimates at time of publication, are subject to change without notice and do not reflect the exact cost a student may incur. All costs are based on the 2026-2027 tuition and fee rates.*

Resources

aarc.org

coarc.com

Accreditation

The Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician Program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA).

Learn More

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If you have questions, concerns or to read the full policy www.nicc.edu/nondiscrimination.

Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician Job Shadow Verification Form

Submit completed forms to:
Northeast Iowa Community College
ATTN: Kristi Creek
PO BOX 400
Calmar, IA 52132
or
creekkr@nicc.edu

The Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician program requires students to complete 16-20 hours of job shadowing prior to the first semester of the program. This can be completed at multiple facilities. Permission must be obtained through the Human Resources / Education department at the facility.

Applicant's First & Last Name:
_____

The above named applicant has spent _____ hours shadowing a veterinary technician or veterinarian.

The applicant has observed the following procedures:
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Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian:
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Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian Phone Number:
_____

Signature of Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian: _____

Printed Name of Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian: _____

Date: _____