

PRODUCTION & COMPANION ANIMAL VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

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Admission Requirements

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

Certify you are a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma (HSED). All documents must be submitted to the Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Admissions Office. » admissions@nicc.edu

COURSE PLACEMENT ASSESSMENTS

Satisfy minimum requirements on a placement assessment for enrollment in College Composition I and College Algebra. Requirements may be satisfied by college or high school coursework, or completing one of the following placement assessments: ACT®, ACCUPLACER®, ALEKS® or SAT®. Students should submit their high school or official college transcript or assessment results to the Admissions Office for consideration of an assessment waiver.

MATH

- Placement Assessment: Scores are valid for two years.
 - ALEKS® minimum score: 45
 - ACT® math minimum score: 22
 - SAT® math minimum score: 540
- High School: Cumulative GPA 2.80 or above.
Completion of Algebra I and II with a grade of C- or above.
Graduation within the past two years.
- College Coursework: Intermediate Algebra with a grade of C- or above.

WRITING

- Placement Assessment: Scores are valid for three years.
 - ACCUPLACER® minimum score: 5
 - ACT® minimum score: 18
 - SAT® math minimum score: 430
- High School: Cumulative GPA 2.80 or above.
Graduation within the past five years.
- College Coursework: Foundations of Writing with a grade of C- or above.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

Students are required to complete the ATI TEAS entrance exam. This exam covers reading, math, science and language usage. Students must complete the ATI TEAS exam with a minimum composite score of 60% and minimum reading comprehension of 70%. More information regarding preparation and exam registration can be found at nicc.edu/ati.

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.

Program Requirements

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

Program Costs	Production & Companion Animal Veterinary Technician
Tuition/Fees	\$15,744 in-state* \$18,018 out-of-state*
Stethoscope & Digital Thermometer	\$60 - \$110
Coveralls (<i>Pella Brand</i>) and Rubber Boots	\$65 - \$120
Surgical Scrubs & Lab Coat (<i>purchased after program start</i>)	\$135
Radiology Badge Fee	\$20
Immunizations	\$1,000 - \$5,000
VTNE Test Prep	\$300
Summer Internships (<i>tuition, room & board</i>)	\$1,200
Books	\$2,400
TOTAL	\$20,924 - \$25,029 in-state* \$23,198 - \$27,303 out-of-state*

*The costs above are provided as a guide to financing your education. The costs provided are estimated at time of publication and do not reflect the exact cost a student may incur. * Based on the 2024-2025 tuition and fee rates.*

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.

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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Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician Job Shadow Verification Form

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.

Student First & Last Name: _____

The above named student has spent _____ hours shadowing a veterinary technician or veterinarian:

Veterinary Clinic / Related Business

Phone Number

The student has observed the following procedures: _____

Signature of Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian

Printed Name of Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian

Date

Completed forms can be electronically submitted to creekk@nicc.edu
or mailed to :

Northeast Iowa Community College

ATTN: Kristi Creek

PO BOX 400

Calmar, IA 52132

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