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Dear Prospective Veterinary Technology Student:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the **Veterinary Technology (VET) Associate of Applied Science Degree Program**. The VET program provides training in veterinary health and handling of a variety of animals including companion animals, food animals, exotic animals, birds, and laboratory animals encountered in veterinary practice or in a biomedical research setting. Topics of instruction include animal handling, anatomy and physiology, radiology, parasitology, anesthesia, surgical nursing and assisting, medical and surgical treatments, practice office management, clinical microbiology, pharmacology, medical terminology, animal nutrition and husbandry, necropsy techniques, clinical hematology, and biochemistry. The program is accredited by the AVMA and graduation will allow you to take the national certification exam.

At the end of the second year, the student will participate in clinical training in anesthesia, surgery, diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures, radiography, emergency medicine and care of the critical veterinary patient.

The Veterinary Technology Program is a full time vocational program. Class schedules change from semester to semester depending on classroom and instructor availability. With the exception of one class, they are held during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer the scheduling flexibility of most community college programs.

Graduates from the VET Program can look forward to a rewarding career as a paraprofessional member of a veterinary medical team, assisting veterinarians in all areas of private and institutional practice, in industry and in governmental agencies. *Although there are many exciting opportunities in this field, veterinary technicians do not diagnose animal illness, prescribe drugs, or perform surgeries. Nor is this program intended to be an avenue towards admission to a college of veterinary medicine.* However, some general studies courses may be applied toward fulfilling pre-professional veterinary medicine course requirements at Colorado State University.

There are prerequisite course requirements that **must be completed** in order to be accepted into the VET Program. *Space is limited* to the first 24 persons who submit **all** required documentation each fall and spring semester; therefore, it is important to submit your prerequisites as early as possible. Prerequisites are explained on the attached sheet.

We hope this information will help to start answering your questions. Carefully read the attached materials and bring questions to the information meeting! You may also want to bring with you, unofficial copies of your high school diploma and college transcripts. We look forward to seeing you at the information meeting!

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