

Front Range Community College Larimer Campus
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
Health Concerns, Illness or Injury

If you have a health problem, an acute illness or injury that impacts your academic or clinical performance, the VET program requires that you have continuing health care with your provider to ensure that you are well and safe enough to continue in the classroom, laboratory and clinical activities without harming yourself or others. Examples of health problems are back pain or injury, chronic pain of any nature, severe headaches, infectious illness, surgery, injuries to limbs that require immobilization, to name a few. Please see the handbook section on Ability to Perform Veterinary Technology Tasks for details.

You must provide a primary care provider's written release to the VET Program Director BEFORE attending classroom laboratories or internships if you have any of these conditions:

- 1) Injury or condition that requires an immobilization device such as a brace, splint or cast.
- 2) Surgery during the semester or during the 4 weeks preceding the beginning of the semester.
- 3) Childbirth during the semester or during the 4 weeks preceding the beginning of the semester.
- 4) An acute or infectious illness that interrupted your classroom, laboratory or clinical attendance.
- 5) Any other circumstances in which the Faculty are concerned about your health and well being.

You may obtain a medical release form from the Director of the Veterinary Technology Program's office. If your primary care provider cannot assure that you are well and safe to perform in the clinical area, you may withdraw from the course at any time with no academic penalty and may petition to receive a full tuition refund. The Dean of Student Services will help with this process. You may return to the Program when your healthcare provider indicates your health has returned.

ABILITY TO PERFORM VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY TASKS

Candidates for the Veterinary Technology degree must be able to complete the required skills list. The following are minimum standards, which students must be able to meet with or without reasonable accommodation, for successful completion of degree requirements:

- 1) Work for hours in a standing position with frequent walking.
- 2) Lift and transfer up to 25 pounds of live, struggling animal patients from a stooped position to an exam table (average 3 feet high).
- 3) Able to respond and react quickly in order to move away from a dangerous or aggressive animal.
- 4) Physically apply up to 10 pounds of pressure to bleeding sites or in performing CPR.
- 5) Immediately respond and react to auditory instructions/requests, monitor equipment and perform auditory auscultation.
- 6) Perform a clinical laboratory experience for up to 8-hours in duration, including standing for up to 6 hours at a time.
- 7) Perform close and distant visual activities involving objects, animals, and paperwork, as well as discriminate depth and color perception.
- 8) Discriminate between rough/smooth and hot/cold when using hands.
- 9) Manipulate small objects in precise movements; for example, prepare and administer injectible medications.
- 10) Communicate intelligibly, both orally and in writing.
- 11) Able to work around strong chemicals.
- 12) Able to restrain a 50 lb animal in a stooped position.

Warning: As a student you will be exposed to latex gloves and other products containing natural rubber latex which may cause allergic reactions such as skin rashes; hives; nasal, eye or sinus symptoms; asthma; and (rarely) shock.

Please carefully consider any physical limitations that you may have. If you have a diagnosed disability that may prevent you from carrying out any of these physical expectations, please discuss your situation with the VET Program Director. Students who enter the program do so with the understanding that they will be expected to meet course requirements, with or without any reasonable accommodations. Students who have a disability will be referred to the Learning Opportunity Center for determination of the reasonable accommodations that can be made. Inability to carry out any of these activities while in the program may prevent completion of the program.

STUDENT STATEMENT

1. I understand that the above qualifications must be met in order to begin the veterinary technology program. I am able to perform the above-mentioned tasks **without** accommodation.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

2. I understand that the above qualifications must be met in order to begin the veterinary technology program. I am able to perform the above-mentioned tasks **with** accommodation.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

If you have a disability that **requires accommodation**, please have your physician/nurse practitioner verify the above requirements, numbers 1-12, by signing below.

PHYSICIAN STATEMENT

I have examined the above student and hereby verify that she or he has a physical disability (no. ____ above) that will require accommodation in order to carry out activities.

Physician/Nurse Practitioner Signature

Physician/Nurse Practitioner Name/ Date

_____ Date: _____

(Please print)

*The College will determine if an accommodation is reasonable in accordance with applicable law.