



Veterinary Technology AAS Admission Checklist

To be admitted to the VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM, please complete the following steps:

- 1. ATTEND INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** The Veterinary Technology Info Meeting is held the first Thursday of every month from 4-5 pm on the Larimer Campus in Blanca Peak Room 188. This is an important step and a great place to start!
 - 2. MEET WITH YOUR PATHWAYS ADVISOR:** Apply for admission to Front Range Community College and obtain a student ID number. The Health Sciences & Wellness (HSW) Pathways Advisors are located in the Advising and Career Center, Mount Antero 450. You can make an appointment with an HSW advisor in person or over the phone [970-204-8332](tel:970-204-8332).
 - 3. SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS (IF APPLICABLE):** If prerequisite coursework was taken outside of FRCC, transcripts must be officially evaluated through the FRCC Registrar's Office. Prerequisites must be transferred to your FRCC transcript before applying. Evaluations take up to 30 days to complete after the official transcript and the [Transfer Credit Evaluation Form](#) are received. **(eWolf → Student Resources → Student Forms → Transfer Credit Evaluation Form)**
 - 4. COMPLETE REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES:**
 - BIO 111 General College Biology with lab (5 credits) *Must be within 7 years*
 - ENG 131 Technical Writing or ENG 121 College Composition (3 credits)*
 - HPR 178 Medical Terminology or VET 102 Vet Medical Terminology (1 credit)*
 - MAT 107 Career Math, MAT 103 Math for Clinical Calculations or MAT 121 College Algebra (3-4 credits) (other courses may be accepted)*
 - CIS 109 Management Software and Technical Applications: Veterinary Professionals (1 credit) (Management Software: Using AVImark)*
- These courses need to appear on your transcript as **transferred in, completed, or in progress** for you to be placed on the VET class or waiting list. Please wait to send your application until your transcript is complete. Your combined grade point average on **these five courses** must be at least a 2.5.
- 5. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION** form which you will receive at the monthly information meeting. (Admission into the vet tech program is a separate step from admission to the college.) You **MUST** attach the required documentation to the application! You will then be placed on the class list or waiting list for entry into the program. We will try to contact you within 2 weeks to let you know where you stand.
 - 6. COMPLETE GENERAL EDUCATION CREDITS:** While you can take your additional (3) general education credits over the summer that you are in the program, you may want to take them while you are waiting to enroll. Students must complete one of the following Communication courses:
 - COM 125 Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)*
 - COM 115 Public Speaking (3 credits)*
 - MTE 110 Applied Communication & Teamwork in Industry (3 credits)*

While CHE 101 (Introduction to Chemistry I) is no longer required for a VET A.A.S. degree, this course or CHE 105 (Chemistry in Context) are highly recommended for students with little or no current knowledge of chemistry. It is also recommended that students have computer competence.

If you have any questions regarding VET program information or admission into the program contact Marti Morgan at marti.morgan@frontrange.edu, (970) 204-8187. You can also contact Kimberly Schmidt (program director) at kimberly.schmidt@frontrange.edu, (970) 204-8670, or the campus Advising Office at (970) 204-8332.



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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 need to appear on your transcript as **transferred in, completed, or in progress** for you to be accepted into the VET Program or placed on the waiting list. *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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