



700 Logan College Road
Carterville, Illinois 62918

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

This packet contains information for the full-time program beginning August 2012.

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Veterinary Technology (Vet Tech) Program at John A. Logan College (JALC) offered through the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (SICCM). Graduates of this program earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology.

The College has an open admission policy; however, there are some programs which have additional entrance requirements. Attached you will find an information packet about the Vet Tech program at JALC, an application for the Vet Tech program and an application for the pre-entrance examination. **You must contact the Admissions Office to obtain information about general admission to John A. Logan College.**

The **applicant must:**

1. achieve a competitive level score on the pre-entrance examination: **PSB – Health Occupations Aptitude Examination (HOAE)**,
2. submit all required documents listed in this packet under **Admission Requirements** to the designated office by **March 1, 2012** and
3. complete all necessary general entrance requirements for the College, as determined by the Admissions Office.

The career that you are considering is truly exciting! The Veterinary Technician possesses both administrative and technical skills necessary to assist the veterinarian in all phases of medicine and surgery for small, large, exotic and lab animals. Technicians typically conduct clinical work in a private practice under the supervision of a veterinarian – often performing various medical tests along with treating and diagnosing medical conditions and diseases in animals. The Veterinary Technician plays an important role in client education, grief counseling and public relations.

Further information is included in this packet and available on our website at www.jalc.edu/admissions/assessment/hcpa.php. We encourage you to thoroughly review the packet and website prior to applying to the program. Best wishes in your educational endeavors.

Best Regards,

Tom Cardwell
Director of Assessment

Valerie Barko
Associate Dean for Health & Public Service

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PROFESSION

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The program curriculum covers small and large animal breeds, nutrition and husbandry, veterinary terminology, legal issues and office management, parasitology, surgical nursing, veterinary pharmacology, anesthesiology, emergency care and clinical pathology. Students benefit from theoretical-based classroom learning, as well as extensive hands-on experience through practicums at a variety of veterinary facilities. Additional job opportunities include working in animal shelters, zoos, medical research laboratories and private industry.

The median salary for certified Veterinary Technologists is approximately \$10-12 per hour.

PROGRAM

The Veterinary Technology [two year] Associate Degree in Applied Science Program is offered through the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (SICCM) and is offered cooperatively with John A. Logan College, Kaskaskia College, Rend Lake College, Shawnee Community College and Southeastern Illinois College.

Students are admitted to the Vet Tech program and register for all courses through their home campus. General education courses are taken at the student's home campus, but all Vet Tech courses are taught in the SICCM vicinity around Herrin, Illinois. This may require students to travel an hour or more to classes. Students will need to have transportation to accomplish travel requirements in the Vet Tech program. Travel time will need to be considered as well between home and the student's campus.

Because the regions of the five cooperating colleges are large, traveling is an integral element of the consortium program. Time commitment is significant in this intense curriculum, and includes travel to Vet Tech classes and fieldwork assignments. Efforts are made to minimize travel where possible, accomplished by grouping classes and coordinating clinical rotation sites.

Clinical rotations may require considerable driving in the program. Students should expect to potentially drive an hour or more to and from clinical sites.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Vet Tech curriculum is designed to provide a progressive transition from beginning student to entry-level technician. During the coursework and internships, students will develop entry-level competencies necessary to provide services in a variety of veterinary and animal health settings. The veterinary Technology graduate will possess the technical skills necessary to collaborate with veterinarians in providing animal health care and incorporate values and attitudes that reflect the profession's practice standards and ethics. Expected program outcomes are that the student will:

- Complete program coursework and fieldwork successfully,
- Pass national certification examination for veterinary technicians upon graduation,
- Demonstrate ability to provide high quality entry-level veterinary technology services under the required supervision of a veterinarian, in consumer and patient-care environments,
- Incorporate values and attitudes congruent with the professions core values and code of ethics,
- Demonstrate the understanding of need for life-long personal and professional growth, and
- Recognize employment opportunities in traditional and non-traditional settings.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this Vet Tech program, the graduate must be able to demonstrate entry-level competencies for Veterinary Technicians. The graduate should possess the technical skills needed to:

- Administer medication and vaccines to all species of animals.
- Obtain and record case physical examination and history.
- Advise and educate animal owners in nutrition and all phases of animal health.
- Read and fill veterinary prescriptions.
- Expose and develop radiographs.
- Prepare animals, instruments and equipment for surgery.
- Assist in diagnostic, medical and surgical procedures.
- Assist in administration of anesthesia to all species of animals.
- Collect specimens and perform laboratory procedures.
- Perform dental prophylaxes.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Veterinary Technology Program applicants should read and understand the following statement attesting to their belief that they can meet the essential standards listed below. This should be accomplished before admission to the SICCM/Vet Tech program.

Program acceptance in no way is based on applicant's limitations. Essential functions represent the essential non-academic requirements of the program that the student must master to successfully participate in the program and become employable.

Certain essential personal and physical attributes are keys to success in the SICCM/Vet Tech academic program and the clinical profession. These attributes include:

Visual Observation

The student must possess visual acuity sufficient to allow each of the following:

- Differentiation of colors and color changes during the performance of laboratory procedures;
- Observation of patient conditions during clinical procedures;
- Differentiation and identification of specimens using microscopic examination;
- Reading technical instrument procedure manuals, standard operating procedures, specimen labels and other pertinent materials for patient care and professional practice.

Motor Function

The student must possess motor functions sufficient to permit each of the following:

- Performance of venipuncture;
- The ability to lift and restrain a 40 lb animal;
- Lift and handle typical hand-held medical laboratory equipment and tools;
- Manipulate clinical laboratory and surgical instruments and equipment in a manner consistent with standards of practice.

Communication Skills

The student shall possess verbal and non-verbal skills adequate for transmitting to and receiving information from clients and veterinary personnel.

Behavioral and Social Skills

The student must exhibit behavioral and social skills that are acceptable to the college and clinical settings.

Time Commitment and Student Work Load

The average workload for a student in the program is 14 to 18 academic hours per semester, 288 clock hours for the summer internship, and 128 clock hours for the spring internship. Due to animal care responsibilities and the very nature of our profession, the Veterinary Technology Program does not always follow standardized class times and schedules. Because of all the diverse duties involved in the operation of the program, students should anticipate **additional** hours outside of normally scheduled class times and make allowances for these in work schedules, child care, etc. Students must remember that their first priority is to meet the requirements of the program, absence due to other commitments is still absence.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following admission procedures shall be followed by all prospective applicants seeking admission to the JALC and SICCM Vet Tech program. Failure to comply with the deadline dates designated by JALC and SICCM will automatically terminate the application for the program.

The admission procedures for the Vet Tech program are the same for John A. Logan College, Kaskaskia College, Rend Lake College, Shawnee Community College and Southeastern Illinois College. Each college does give preference to its in-district students. Students may apply at only one community college for entrance into a program. Applications and testing will be cross-checked among the campuses.

These admission procedures are in accordance with Illinois law. The law requires that programs not having sufficient space and resources to accommodate all applicants will accept those applicants best qualified, using ranking, ability and achievement test scores as guides, with preference given equally to students residing in the district or in a joint agreement district.

The JALC and SICCM Vet Tech program admission process does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, or the presence of a non-job-related condition or disability.

To be considered for admission in the full-time program beginning Fall 2012, an applicant must meet these criteria and submit the following credentials to the designated office by March 1, 2012:

1. Submit a properly completed application for general admission and return it to the **Admissions Office** by **March 1, 2012**, if **not** currently enrolled in courses at JALC.

When completing an application for general admission the applicant must indicate that they are seeking a JALC degree. Also, indicate the area of study as an Associate of General Studies (**AGS**) with the PSC Code: **1.2**, and the CIP Code: **240102D**.

2. COMPASS **or** ASSET placement exams are required by JALC in reading, writing and math. Contact the Assessment Office at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8518 to register for a placement exam. If COMPASS or ASSET placement exams were completed at another institution, submit the current exam scores to the **Assessment Office** by **March 1, 2012**. Placement exam scores will only be accepted if taken within the past three years.

Regardless of the COMPASS **or** ASSET placement or any test score taken for general college admission, and any resultant remedial courses required, all applicants desiring to apply for the Vet Tech program will be allowed to take the Vet Tech pre-entrance exam. However, if an applicant scores low on any general admission placement test, counselors may advise against continuing the Vet Tech application process.

3. Complete and return the attached Veterinary Technology Program application to the **Assessment Office** when you register for the first test, or by **March 1, 2012**.
4. Complete and return the attached Veterinary Technology pre-entrance exam application to the **Assessment Office** when you register for the first test, or by **February 2, 2012**.

If an applicant tested the previous academic year and chooses not to retest in the current academic year, they must submit a written request along with the program application in order for the previous test score to be considered. In this instance, no entrance exam application is necessary.

5. Request **all transcripts** be sent to the Admissions Office by **March 1, 2012**. A high school transcript **or** proof of GED with passing scores is required of applicants who have not completed a full semester at an accredited college or university. If the applicant has completed a full semester or more of accepted course work at a college or university, other than JALC, then evaluated college transcripts are required, not high school transcripts. Transcripts **must** show when the course was taken and the grade received. **Official college transcripts must be received and evaluated in JALC Admissions Office by March 1, 2012.** The Assessment Office has access to courses taken at JALC, therefore, a JALC transcript does not need to be submitted.

6. **All applicants must submit proof of current residency to the Assessment Office by March 1, 2012.** The following forms may serve as acceptable proof of residency to be **RANKED** as an in-district applicant:
 - a valid driver's license with an in-district address
 - a valid state identification card with an in-district address
 - a valid voter's registration card that indicates JALC College District
 - a current real estate tax bill that indicates property is owned within the JALC College District
 - a joint agreement approved by JALC's V.P. for Instruction

In-district and joint agreement applicants will be placed in the ranking before applicants out-of-district, if one of the above forms of acceptable proof is received in the Assessment Office by March 1, 2012. If one of the above forms of acceptable proof is not received in the Assessment Office by March 1, 2012, the applicant will be placed in the ranking after in-district and joint agreement applicants that submitted acceptable proof.

Although the following forms may serve as proof to receive the in-district tuition status for an approved course or curriculum, these forms **DO NOT** qualify as acceptable proof of residency to be **RANKED** as an in-district applicant, therefore, the applicant will be placed in the ranking after in-district and joint agreement applicants:

- an employer letter that indicates employment in JALC College District
- a notarized letter that indicates residence in JALC College District
- a chargeback approved by JALC's V.P. for Instruction

Verification must show the applicants name with their current address. Acceptance letters will only be sent to in-district addresses for in-district students with the exception of joint agreement applicants. Post Office boxes are not accepted as proof of residency. New driver's licenses now show both P.O. Box and street address.

Out-of District Applicants Attending Through Joint Agreement

Out-of-district applicants enrolling in the **Veterinary Technology Program** at John A. Logan College through a joint agreement with **[currently JALC has not entered a joint agreement with any other community college for Veterinary Technology]** will attend on the same basis as in-district applicants including paying tuition, fees and any other charges applicable to in-district applicants. However, applicants attending under a joint agreement must agree to register for only those courses that are part of the declared joint agreement program. Any prerequisite course work or course outside of the joint agreement program must be completed at the applicant's home institution or the applicant will pay out-of-district rates at John A. Logan College. Joint agreement applicants will be responsible for withdrawing from courses that are not part of their declared joint agreement program or agree to pay out-of-district tuition for non-eligible

courses. Completion of prerequisite courses does not result in preferential treatment for programs with special admission. Please note that these joint agreements are subject to change.

An applicant, who wishes to enroll in the **Veterinary Technology Program** that is not offered at their home institution, but is included in the joint agreement with John A. Logan College, will:

First, have a letter sent from their home institution stating that the applicant is eligible to participate in the specific program covered by the agreement and

Second, sign a joint agreement form stating that they understand that only courses included under the joint agreement are eligible for in-district tuition.

The eligibility letter and joint agreement form should be sent to:

John A. Logan College
Cindy D. Johnson, Director to the V.P. for Instruction
700 Logan College Road – Room A17
Carterville, IL 62918

If an applicant has any questions regarding a joint agreement or chargeback, they should contact JALC's V.P. for Instruction Office at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8407.

Out-of District Applicants Attending Through Chargeback

An out-of-district applicant who wishes to enroll in the **Veterinary Technology Program** that is not offered at their home institution, and is not included in the joint agreement with John A. Logan College, must first obtain authorization from the sending institution for partial student support to attend John A. Logan College, which is referred to as a chargeback. Applicants attending through a chargeback must agree to enroll in only the curriculum approved by the sending institution or the applicant will assume responsibility for full tuition and fees incurred for the unapproved courses or curriculum. **In-district and joint agreement applicants will be placed in the ranking before out-of-district applicants attending on a chargeback.**

7. Achieve a competitive level score on the pre-entrance examination for the college. This score is based upon the PSB-Health Occupations Aptitude Examination results **and** weighted grades for previous college courses taken within, or transferring to, the Vet Tech required curriculum. The exam will take a minimum of 3 hours. Tests will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., unless indicated otherwise. **No one may take the test if they do not have a photo ID the day of the test.** Tests will be held in the Assessment Office in Room C205A. **Seating for each testing date is limited, and applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.** Therefore, SIGN-UP EARLY! A list of designated dates and application deadlines is listed below. Complete and return the forms to the Assessment Office, Room C205, by the test registration deadline. Applicants must register before the test registration deadline set below for each session. The \$25.00 registration fee, per test, must be paid at the time of registration. This may only be done between the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. to allow time to complete the payment form that you must take down to the Business Office with your payment. The Business Office accepts credit/debit card, money order, cashier's check, personal check, or cash. Please contact the Business Office with questions regarding acceptable forms of payment. A total of 2 tests may be taken per academic year and only 1 test per month may be taken. Changes to exam and fees may occur at anytime! **There are 14 testing times available; applicants may only test up to 2 times.** *The highest score will be used for determination of admission. Testing will be cross-checked among the campuses. If the applicant has taken the exam more than two times within an academic year, only the first two scores will be considered.*

Veterinary Technology Testing Dates

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 9 am or 1 pm
Thursday, November 3, 2011, 9 am or 1 pm

Veterinary Technology Test Registration Deadlines

Friday, October 28, 2011, by 3:15 pm
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Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 9 am or 1 pm
Thursday, December 8, 2011, 9 am or 1 pm
Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 9 am or 1 pm
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 9 am or 1 pm
Thursday, February 9, 2012, 9 am or 1 pm

Friday, December 2, 2011, by 3:15 pm
Friday, December 2, 2011, by 3:15 pm
Thursday, February 2, 2012, by 3:15 pm
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The first concern about acceptance into the program should be obtaining a competitive level score on the Vet Tech pre-entrance examination. This score is based upon the PSB-Health Occupations Aptitude Examination results. The exam includes sections on academic aptitude, spelling, reading comprehension, information in the natural science and vocational adjustment index. All five sections of the test will be given. The raw score of the first four sections will be added to achieve a composite exam score to be used for admission ranking. The fifth section will be utilized for research purposes. Tie breakers will be based upon the highest score achieved on Part 1 and Part 3, successively.

Additional points may be added to the applicants composite exam score on the Vet Tech pre-entrance examination, **if college transcripts have been received and evaluated in JALC Admissions Office by March 1, 2012.** No points will be given without an official transcript. Substitutions will not be accepted. General education courses must be completed by **December 2011** in order for points to be added. Points may be earned for previously taken course of: BIO 226. The following points will be added for each grade earned: "A" = 10 points, "B" = 8 points, "C" = 6 points. Points may also be earned for previously taken courses of: SPE 115, ENG 101 and **only one of the following:** MAT 120 or MAT 104. The following points will be added for each grade earned: "A" = 3 points, "B" = 2 points, "C" = 1 point. [For example, 19 points may be added to an applicant's composite exam score if the above general education courses are completed by **December 2011** with a grade of an "A" in each class.] No points will be given for the Social Science elective course. Rank ordering of students for admission consideration will be made on the basis of total points earned.

Additional information about the pre-entrance exam can be accessed by going to www.psbtests.com. Click on "Resources for Test Taking" to locate documents, that may be viewed or printed, containing information regarding Sample Questions, Understanding Test Results and Other Helpful Resources. No calculators are permitted during the exam.

To be eligible for Fall 2012 admission, testing must be complete and scores available to the college by March 1, 2012. Determination of the list of accepted students will be made from the applicants who have tested and applied by March 1st.

Each college has five admission slots, for a total class size of twenty-five students. Admission lists will be ranked and determined separately at each college, for the five student slots accorded that college and by the applications submitted to that college.

If the program is not full, the college may choose to test and accept applications through April 30th for any remaining slots. Unless program slots still remain for Fall 2012 admission, those applicants testing and applying after April 30th will be considered for Fall 2013 admission.

The five top-scoring applicants from each college will be admitted to the SICCM Vet Tech program. A list of accepted applicants will be developed by mid-March, the spring before the start of the program. Accepted applicants will be informed of admission into the program by the admitting college in May 2012 and will have ten days from the date mailed, to return the response form enclosed in the acceptance letter. Should an accepted applicant choose not to enter the class, the next applicant in the rank order for that campus will be notified of acceptance. If no response is obtained, the applicant will be dropped from future consideration and the next alternate on the list will be notified of acceptance. Letters of notification of alternate list or denial into the program will be mailed when all positions are filled.

If an applicant is accepted to the program and chooses not to enter the fall class, any future admission must be by re-application. All applicants must make application for each year they wish to be considered for entrance into the Vet Tech Program. PSB-Health Occupations Aptitude Examination results will be considered valid for two academic years.

No student may be admitted to any individual Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market program more than *two times* within a *five year period*. After withdrawing from a single program two times, the student will be allowed to enter any other SICCM program *only one time*. "Withdrawing" is defined as declining a previously accepted admission invitation within ten weeks of program start time and/or withdrawing from class attendance before completing the first semester. Each campus may consider exceptions for extreme cases of unanticipated, non-elective health issues of self and family.

Letters of notification of provisional acceptance to the top five (5) applicants on the ranking list will be mailed beginning in May 2012. Applicants that are selected will have ten days from the date mailed, to return the response form enclosed in the acceptance letter. If no response is obtained, the applicant will be dropped from future consideration and the next alternate on the list will be notified of acceptance. Letters of notification of alternate list or denial into the program will be mailed when all positions are filled.

It is extremely important to abide by the deadline dates outlined in this packet. It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that these documents have been received in the designated office by the deadline dates.

If you have questions regarding this information, you may contact any of the people below:

Tom Cardwell
Director of Assessment
John A. Logan College
700 Logan College Road
Carterville, IL 62918
(618) 985-3741 Ext. 8496

Matt Yusko
Assessment Coordinator
John A. Logan College
700 Logan College Road
Carterville, IL 62918
(618) 985-3741 Ext. 8617

Tish Majewski
Assessment Coordinator
John A. Logan College
700 Logan College Road
Carterville, IL 62918
(618) 985-3741 Ext. 8247

TOM CARDWELL, MATT YUSKO AND TISH MAJEWSKI ARE THE ONLY ADVISORS STUDENTS SHOULD SEE FOR ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION TO INSURE ALL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET FOR THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

ACCREDITATION STATUS

The SICCM Vet Tech program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA). Graduates of the SICCM Vet Tech program will qualify to sit the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) administered by Professional Examination Service. This computer-delivered examination will be administered by appointment and after application once eligibility has been established. Successful completion of this exam confers the title of Certified Veterinary Technician.

TUITION AND FEES

Costs will vary among the five participating institutions because tuition fees per credit are not the same at all campuses. For specific campus tuition, consult individual school catalogs. Within this highly mobile program, admitted Vet Tech students will be responsible for the following expenses:

1. Examination fee for PSB-Health Occupation Aptitude Examination (\$25.00 before admission),
2. Tuition, \$92.00 per credit hour for the 2011/2012 school year,
3. College fees, which include:
 - Program fees (\$200.00 per Vet Tech course),
4. Books,
5. Costs of transportation to classroom for Vet Tech courses and clinical sites,
6. Scrubs, a lab coat and boots,
7. Stethoscope and bandage scissors,
8. Physical examination,
9. Tests: *TB skin test (and/or chest x-ray),
10. Immunizations:
 - *Tetanus,

11. Vaccinations:
 - *Rabies - series of three (optional, but recommended),
12. Demonstration of personal health insurance or Medicaid,
13. Cost for background check (approximately \$37.00, but can be more depending on how many different counties/states the student has lived),
14. Cost for drug screening (\$46.00),
15. Application fee for certification examination: NVTE (\$300.00), Illinois State (\$106.30)
16. Professional organization fees:
 - Ex: NAVTA National Organization of Veterinary Technologist Association
17. Voluntary conference fees:
 - Ex: State Veterinary Conference

The theoretical total cost for a student residing in the state of Illinois would be approximately \$12,828.00 to complete the Veterinary Technology Program. This average cost is based on current tuition, classroom and laboratory fees, equipment required for completion of certain courses, textbooks, and travel costs. Travel expenses were included in our average cost estimate due to the large geographical area of the southern Illinois region.

Listed below are average cost estimates for the two years of instruction in the Veterinary Technology Program.

- Tuition \$4,796.00 or 38% of total cost
- Fees \$3,400.00 or 26% of total cost
- Textbooks \$1,050.00 or 8% of total cost
- Supplies \$422.00 or 3% of total cost
- Travel \$3,269.00 or 25% of total cost

*Potential Vet Tech students should **not** purchase or schedule anything until after they have been accepted and registered to begin the Vet Tech program.*

Note: All costs listed above are estimates and subject to change. **The Vet Tech student should have planned for meeting these financial obligations before entering the Vet Tech program.**

For additional information, please contact LeeAnn Greenwell, Director of SICCM Vet Tech program, at (618) 942-6902 or lgreenwell@siccm.com.

FINANCIAL AID

A variety of financial aid exists at each of the five participating institutions. The applicant should contact the Financial Aid Office at the school to which he/she is applying. Some of the types of financial aid presently offered are:

- Federal Pell Grants/FSEOG
- Illinois State Map Grant
- College Work Study
- Scholarships

BACCALAUREATE OPTION

Upon completion of an Associate Degree in the Veterinary Technology Program, students will qualify to apply for admission into the Animal Science degree program at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Within the Animal Science degree program, students may select from one of three specialties: Pre-veterinary Science, Equine Science or Animal Production. Successful completion of the Pre-veterinary curriculum will provide students with the eligibility for admissions to the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois, as well as many other universities across the country and abroad. For additional information, contact the College of Agricultural Sciences Office of Student Affairs at (618) 453-3080.

STUDENT HEALTH

Upon admission to the program students will be required to have a recent physical exam; a two-step TB skin test [and/or chest x-ray], and a Tetanus immunization. The series of three Rabies vaccinations are highly recommended, or students may sign a declination waiver. Students should contact their local hospital or local health department for vaccination information.

Students are responsible for their own health maintenance throughout the Veterinary Technology Program. Neither the College nor the Veterinary Technology Program is responsible for needed medical care. Students are strongly advised to make arrangements for adequate health insurance coverage.

Veterinary Technology students are expected to inform faculty of any health conditions that interfere with clinical laboratory functions. Students may be asked to refrain from certain clinical laboratory procedures if the instructors feel that the student's health may be compromised. As soon as pregnancy or any medical problems are diagnosed, the student is required to bring a written statement from their doctor permitting them to continue in the Veterinary Technology Program and/or perform safely in the clinical setting.

Students should be aware of zoonotic risks [Rabies, Ringworm, Brucellosis, intestinal parasites, Toxoplasmosis, etc] that are associated with participation in the program and this profession.

Students bitten by animals while in the program are strongly encouraged to visit their physician at the earliest possible time. Because of the professional nature of the program, SICCM or the Veterinary Technology Program are in no way liable for students being bitten while handling animals within the program.

CURRICULUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In the Vet Tech curriculum there are five general education courses and eighteen Vet Tech courses. The Vet Tech courses have both lecture and hands-on laboratory components. It is helpful for students to have use of a home computer, although computers and Internet access are available on all college campuses.

The Vet Tech program is full-time only, with courses offered in specific sequence. All Vet Tech courses in a semester must be taken and passed in order to progress to any Vet Tech coursework of the next semester. Both the Vet Tech courses and college natural science courses must be passed with a grade of "C" (75%) or better. The program is designed to be completed within two academic years, including one clinical rotation during the summer session after the first two semesters. All courses must be taken in sequence as specified by course prerequisites unless permission is granted by the program director.

The clinical rotations commence the summer after the first year of coursework and again the last semester before graduation. The summer clinical rotation requires completion of 288 hours of on-site instruction and the spring clinical rotation requires completion of 128 hours of on-site instruction.

Prospective Vet Tech students should **not** purchase any materials or supplies until AFTER they have been accepted and have registered for classes. Questions regarding uniforms, schedules, requirements, etc. will be answered for accepted students during an orientation session with the Veterinary Technology Director.

Admission packets describing the drug screening information, criminal background check, job shadowing, physical examination, vaccinations and immunizations will be mailed to successful applicants in June 2012. These packets will contain the forms and deadlines necessary to complete those requirements prior to the start of class.

Veterinary Technology students must earn a minimum grade of a "C" in all courses listed in the curriculum guide, including general education courses.

It is the responsibility of all interested applicants to view the current Vet Tech curriculum guide and course descriptions online at the following links:

- http://www.jalc.edu/catalog/curriculum_guides/veterinarytechnologydegree.pdf
- http://www.jalc.edu/catalog/course_descriptions/vet_veterinary.pdf

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

BIO 226 – General Microbiology	4 credits
SPE 115 – Speech	3 credits
Social Science Elective ¹	3 credits
ENG 101 – English Composition I	3 credits
Choose one of the following :	
MAT 120 – Elementary Statistics ²	3 credits <u>OR</u>
MAT 104 – Mathematics for Allied Health	3 credits

¹ Elective must be an IAI (Illinois Approved Initiative) course.

² Prerequisite for MAT 120 is MAT 062 with a minimum grade of a “C”.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to successfully complete the above Vet Tech general education courses with a minimum grade of a “C” prior to the fall semester they plan to start the Vet Tech program, so that they may increase their probability of success in the program.



Application for Admission to the JALC and SICCM Veterinary Technology Program for Fall 2012

JALC 7 digit ID# _____

Name _____
Last First MI Maiden

Address _____
Street City/State/Zip Code

Phone _____ Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth _____ Email _____

To which college Vet Tech program are you applying with THIS application?

- _____ John A. Logan College
- _____ Kaskaskia College
- _____ Rend Lake College
- _____ Southeastern Illinois College
- _____ Shawnee Community College

In which college district are you a legal resident, as of March 1, 2012?

- _____ John A. Logan College
- _____ Kaskaskia College
- _____ Rend Lake College
- _____ Southeastern Illinois College
- _____ Shawnee Community College

Last High School Attended: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Did you graduate? _____ YES _____ NO OR, do you hold a GED Certificate? _____ YES _____ NO

Are you transferring courses taken at another college for consideration within the Veterinary Technology Program curriculum? _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, list all colleges from which you have requested official transcripts. Identify any earned credential and/or degree, including field of study:

College Name	Location	Date of Attendance
Credential/Degree		Field of Study

College Name	Location	Date of Attendance
Credential/Degree		Field of Study

Will transcripts be submitted under any other name(s)? _____ YES _____ NO

If so, list name(s): _____

The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein is true, complete, and correct. It also certifies that the applicant has read the informational packet online, and agrees to all application procedures.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

The SICCM Vet Tech program admission process does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, or the presence of a non-job related condition or disability. Each college does give preference to its in-district students.



Veterinary Technology Pre-Entrance Exam Application

Exam to be used for final class placement for the full-time program beginning Fall 2012.

Please print this application, fill out completely and return to the Assessment Office in Room C205. **The \$25.00 registration fee, per test, must be paid at the time of registration.** This may only be done between the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. to allow time to complete the payment form that you must take down to the Business Office with your payment. The Business Office accepts credit/debit card, money order, cashier's check, personal check, or cash. Please contact the Business Office with questions regarding acceptable forms of payment. Since your seat is being reserved for a test session the \$25.00 registration fee cannot be transferred to another test session [NON-TRANSFERABLE] or refunded if you do not attend the session for which you were applying [NON-REFUNDABLE]. Changes to exam and fees may occur at anytime! **No one may take the test if they do not have a photo ID the day of the test.** A total of 2 tests may be taken per academic year and only 1 test per month may be taken. There are 14 testing times available; applicants may only test up to 2 times.

Name _____
Last First MI Maiden

Address _____
Street City/State/Zip Code

Phone _____ Social Security Number _____

Please consider my results for: **Veterinary Technology Program**

Do you have a disability which may require accommodations for testing? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, you must provide documentation of your disability and the need for accommodations to Student Support Services in Room C219 within seven (7) working days of this request or seven (7) days prior to the test date.

NOTE: An exam date will be scheduled between the student and Matt Yusko in the Assessment Office after accommodations have been approved by Student Support Services.

Have you taken the PSB-Health Occupations Aptitude Examination (HOAE) before? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, when? _____

Fill in the testing day, date and time that you prefer for your first registration:

**** See next page for testing dates ****

Day _____ Date _____ Time _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:					
Test Date	@	on	Receipt #	Amount	Date Paid
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Please choose one day and time for your first registration, circle the day and time, and fill in the corresponding information on the front of the exam application indicating your preference.

November Testing Dates

Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2011, by 3:15 p.m. for the following testing dates. Please circle one time if you wish to test in November and also write the test day, date and time on the front of the application. Reminder, you can only test 2 times total per academic year and test only 1 time per month:

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. or

Thursday, November 3, 2011 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

December Testing Dates

Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2011, by 3:15 p.m. for the following testing dates. Please circle one time if you wish to test in December and also write the test day, date and time on the front of the application. Reminder, you can only test 2 times total per academic year and test only 1 time per month:

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. or

Thursday, December 8, 2011 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

February Testing Dates

Deadline: Thursday, February 2, 2012, by 3:15 p.m. for the following testing dates. Please circle one time if you wish to test in February and also write the test day, date and time on the front of the application. Reminder, you can only test 2 times total per academic year and test only 1 time per month:

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. or

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. or

Thursday, February 9, 2012 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.