



Dear Prospective Veterinary Technology Program Applicant:

The faculty members of the Veterinary Technology Program at Athens Technical College (ATC) are pleased you have expressed interest in pursuing the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Veterinary Technology!

Enclosed you will find an application checklist, and general information about the program. Specific items that you will need to submit before the **May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline** will depend upon your student status at ATC.

Official college/university transcripts must be sent directly to Athens Technical College from the institution at which you earned course credit. Official ATI-TEAS scores or TEAS-V scores that are less than 5 years old must be sent directly to Athens Technical College from the test administrator.

All other application materials (*i.e.*, Understanding a Career in Veterinary Technology form, Felony Acknowledgement form, and Vet Tech Program's Policies & Procedures Manual form) should be submitted at **one time & in one sealed envelope** with your full name and the words, "Veterinary Technology Program Application" on the outside of the envelope and submitted to the **Office of Admissions**.

**Please note that all Application Materials must be submitted before May 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

Office of Admissions  
Attn: Admissions Coordinator –Veterinary Technology  
Athens Technical College  
800 U.S. Highway 29 North  
Athens, GA 30601

All transcripts from colleges/universities that you have previously attended must be official transcripts, and it is your responsibility to request that these arrive at Athens Technical College before the application deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are accepted into Athens Technical College, then the Director of Registration and Records will evaluate your transcripts to determine if credit will be granted for previous coursework. You will be notified by letter or via ATC student email address of the course credit(s) that will transfer and be awarded from your previous college/university-level study.

If you have any questions, please visit the college website at [www.AthensTech.edu](http://www.AthensTech.edu) to learn more about: Athens Technical College; the Veterinary Technology Program; the admission process; and financial aid. Students that plan to seek financial aid to help fund their college education should contact the Financial Aid Office directly at (706) 355-5009 and ask to speak to a financial aid counselor.

If you have additional questions that are specific to the Veterinary Technology Program (VTP), then you may contact: the Program Chair, Dr. Lara Vaughn at [LaVaughn@AthensTech.edu](mailto:LaVaughn@AthensTech.edu); or our instructors, Ms. Melissa Hunt at [mhunt@AthensTech.edu](mailto:mhunt@AthensTech.edu) and Ms. Crystal Evans at [CEvans@AthensTech.edu](mailto:CEvans@AthensTech.edu).

Best Regards,

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**ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM  
COMPETITIVE-ADMISSION CRITERIA EVALUATION RUBRIC**

Yes: (initials)	No:	Minimum Requirements for Admission:
(initials)		Associate Degree Level Program Eligible at Athens Technical College
(initials)		Proof of Legal Presence; Residency Status =
(initials)		Official Identification (photocopy of valid ID attached) = Must be at least 18 years of age
(initials)		Good Academic Standing at Athens Technical College
(initials)		Minimum overall college GPA $\geq$ 2.00 as of May 15 of application year
(initials)		Copies of all college transcripts attached
(initials)		Valid (<5 years old) official TEAS-V or ATI-TEAS scores as of May 15 of application year
(initials)		Veterinary Technology-Felony and Drug Test Acknowledgement Form (signed & dated)
(initials)		Veterinary Technology-Policies & Procedures Manual Signature Form (signed & dated)
(initials)		Veterinary Technology Program-Career in Veterinary Technology Form (signed & dated)
(initials)		Previously enrolled in Veterinary Technology Program (semester & year) =

**Required Pre-Requisite Courses**

<u>GRADE =</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D or F</u>	<u>Application Points:</u>	
English (ENGL-1101)	20	10	5	0	=	
Algebra (MATH-1111)	20	10	5	0	=	
Biology I (BIOL-1111)	20	10	5	0	=	
Biology I Lab (BIOL-1111L)	20	10	5	0	=	
Chemistry I (CHEM-1211)	20	10	5	0	=	
Chemistry I Lab (CHEM-1211L)	20	10	5	0	=	

**ATI-TEAS/TEAS-V Score**

<u>Composite Total Score % =</u>	<u>0%-29.9%</u>	<u>30 – 39.9%</u>	<u>40 – 49.9%</u>	<u>50 – 59.9%</u>	<u>60 – 69.9%</u>	<u>70 – 79.9%</u>	<u>80.0 – 89.9%</u>	<u>90 - 100%</u>	<u>+ Application Points:</u>
<u>Points:</u>	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	

**TOTAL RANKING SCORE =**

ADDITIONAL DATA UTILIZED IF A RANKING SCORE TIE SHOULD HAPPEN TO OCCUR:

1. PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA EVALUATION TOTAL SCORE; &
2. OVERALL GPA;
3. INDIVIDUAL CORE AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE GRADES
  - BIOL 1111 • BIOL 1111L • CHEM 1211 • CHEM 1211L • MATH 1111
  - HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS ELECTIVE • SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES ELECTIVE • FSSE 1000



## Veterinary Technology Program Application Checklist

**Application Deadline = MAY 15**

### All Applicants – must submit all items in the following list, plus Option A, B, or C depending upon status:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Verification of Lawful Presence in the United States, and applicant age (submit a photocopy of your passport, driver's license, or state-issued photo identification card as proof of legal US presence and age 18 or older);
- \_\_\_\_\_ Valid (less than 5 years old) official ATI-TEAS Test Score Results (ATC regularly offers the TEAS examination; registration forms are available online at [www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu) – Select *Prospective Students*, then *Testing Services*, then *Selective Admission Testing*);
- \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation of completion of pre-requisite courses: Composition and Rhetoric (ENGL 1101), College Algebra (MATH 1111), Biology I (BIOL 1111/BIOL 1111-L), and Chemistry I (CHEM 1211/CHEM 1211-L); or equivalent courses with final course grades of C or better;
  - Applicants currently/previously enrolled at ATC should submit copies of their on-line academic transcript.
  - Applicants transferring from other colleges/universities must have official transcripts sent directly to the ATC Office of Admissions and must confirm transferability of equivalent coursework with the ATC Director of Registration and Records before the **May 15** application deadline.

The following forms and cover sheets are available online at [www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu). Select College Catalog → Programs of Study → Veterinary Technology AAS (Major Code VT 23) → Admission Requirements to access the links needed to complete the following documents:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Veterinary Technology Program Intent Form** - this Intent Form must be completed & submitted electronically.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The **signature form** of the **Veterinary Technology Program's Policies and Procedures Manual** confirming that you have reviewed and understood the material included in the manual prior to submitting your application. Print a copy of the signature form to submit with your other application materials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed **document** acknowledging that commission of a **felony** may prevent the graduate from becoming a registered veterinary technician in the State of Georgia and acknowledging that they may be required to complete **drug testing** and/or **background checks** at their own expense prior to participating in internships, practicums, or clinical activities at certain host sites for these activities. Print a copy of this form to submit with your other application materials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed **signature form** acknowledging the **Understanding of a Career in Veterinary Technology**. Print a copy of the signature form to submit with your other application materials.

### Option A - New students (not currently or previously enrolled at Athens Technical College):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed Application for Admission to Athens Technical College (available on-line at [www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu) - Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*) and the required application fee;
  - Indicate "Veterinary Technology" on the application form as your intended program of study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official transcripts from every college/university attended previously (if applicable) **OR** Official transcripts from the high school from which the applicant graduated (or GED documentation) if no prior college-level coursework has been completed (College and University Transcript Request forms are available online at [www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu) – Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*).

### Option B - Currently enrolled ATC students:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed Program Change Form (available on-line at [www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu) - Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*) indicating "Veterinary Technology" as your intended program of study.

### Option C - Former Students (not currently enrolled at ATC, but have previously taken courses at ATC):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed Readmission Request Form (available on-line at [www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu) - Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*) indicating "Veterinary Technology" as your intended program of study;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Placement Test Results (required if your scores on file at Athens Technical College are more than FIVE years old unless you have completed both MATH 1111 and ENGL 1101).

**Candidates will be ranked using the following criteria:** Pre-requisite course grades (ENGL 1101, BIOL 1111/BIOL 1111L, CHEM 1211/CHEM 1211L, MATH 1111), and ATI-TEAS scores.

**Students can typically expect to receive written notification regarding their application by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## Athens Technical College-Veterinary Technology Program

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### How to get information and apply:

1. Review ATC general admission and program-specific admission processes in the Catalog and Student Handbook, available at: [www.AthensTech.edu](http://www.AthensTech.edu) → Prospective Students → College Catalog → Veterinary Technology.
2. Questions about general college admissions, contact the **Office of Admissions** (706-355-5005). Ms. Lauren Williams serves as the Director of Admissions; she can be contacted at: [LWilliams@AthensTech.edu](mailto:LWilliams@AthensTech.edu).
3. Obtain an ATC application form on-line ([www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu) → Prospective Students → Admissions Process), select Veterinary Technology as your Program of Study, then submit it and the required application fee to the college as noted on the form.
4. Official copies of required transcripts must be sent to ATC. Questions about transfer credit, contact the **Registrar** (706) 355-5013.
5. Submit standardized test scores (TEAS scores <5 years old are required for all VT applicants upon application to the program).
6. Meet with an ATC Advisor no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you will seek admission into the Veterinary Technology Program.

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the difference between a Veterinary Technician's Assistant (VTA) and a Veterinary Technician (VT)?**
  - A Veterinary Technician can be compared to a registered nurse in human medicine. Veterinary Technicians typically have a two-year associate's degree from an American Veterinary Medical Association-accredited veterinary technology program. See [www.navta.net](http://www.navta.net) for more information. They have passed the national board examination (VTNE), and are state licensed.
  - The title, "Veterinary Technician's Assistant" is an informal classification either referring to an unlicensed, "on-the-job trained" individual, or someone who has completed a veterinary assistant training program (usually 1 year or less in length).
2. **Is the Athens Technical College (ATC) Veterinary Technology Program accredited?**
  - Yes. The program has been fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) since February 2003.
3. **Does everyone who applies for admission to the program get accepted into the program?**
  - No. The ATC Veterinary Technology Program, like other health programs, has a competitive admission process.
  - Application materials are due by May 15<sup>th</sup> to possibly begin program-specific courses in the fall semester.
4. **Can I take courses at Athens Technical College prior to being accepted into the Veterinary Technology Program?**
  - Yes. Once accepted to ATC as a general student, then you can begin taking "Core" classes such as English, Math, Biology, & Chemistry, and Elective courses (Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Humanities & Fine Arts).
5. **Are there any courses (pre-requisites) that must be completed prior to becoming eligible to apply to the program?**
  - Yes. Composition and Rhetoric (ENGL 1101), College Algebra (MATH 1111), Biology I (BIOL 1111/BIOL 1111-L), and Chemistry I (CHEM 1211/1211-L) must be successfully completed before applying to the Veterinary Technology Program.
  - The required pre-requisite courses must be completed with a final course grade of "C" or higher. Candidates who obtain higher pre-requisite course grades will be ranked higher during the selection process.
6. **How long is the ATC veterinary technology program?**
  - Five consecutive semesters of courses in-program: 1<sup>st</sup> year = Fall, Spring, & Summer; and 2<sup>nd</sup> year = Fall & Spring.
7. **Can I take classes part-time? Also can I continue working while taking classes?**
  - No, the program does not offer a part-time student schedule. Course attendance is mandatory and the schedule is full-time.
  - If you have completed all of the core classes prior to being accepted into the program, then you may be able to work part-time, though it is NOT recommended, as the program is very challenging. The amount of time spent studying and preparing for class is usually the main difference between students who are successful in the program and those who are unsuccessful.
8. **Is there a good job market for graduate veterinary technicians and what types of jobs are available?**
  - Yes. There is an excellent job market for graduate veterinary technicians both in Georgia and nationally.
  - Our graduates often have multiple job offers prior to graduation. They accept jobs in private practice, referral practices, laboratory animal facilities, pharmaceutical companies, and teaching institutions.
9. **How much do your program graduates make?**
  - Typically, our graduates have made between \$10.00 and \$25.00 an hour depending on what type of job they choose and where in the state or country they choose to work. See [www.navta.net](http://www.navta.net) for more salary information.
10. **Do graduates have to take a certifying exam?**
  - Yes. Graduates take a national board examination, the Veterinary Technical National Examination (VTNE), and then apply for a license as a Veterinary Technician in Georgia. In Georgia, only an individual that passes the VTNE and is licensed can work under the title "Veterinary Technician". It is illegal to be employed in Georgia as a "Veterinary Technician" without first obtaining the proper educational degree, passing the VTNE, & registering for licensure.
11. **What types of post-graduation educational opportunities are available?**
  - Some alumni choose to continue their education to obtain a B.S. in Veterinary Technology by transferring to another school such as: Purdue University (IN), Fort Valley State University (GA), or St. Petersburg College (FL).
  - Others may seek additional credentialing through specialization (VTS) in areas such as anesthesia, critical care, or dentistry.
12. **Will the program help improve my chances at getting into veterinary medical school?**
  - No, the program is designed to educate entry-level Veterinary Technicians. The course of study for veterinary technicians and veterinarians is very different. If your career goal is to be a veterinarian then we suggest you contact the Admissions Office at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine (706) 542-5728.
13. **Can I get discounted pet products and pet services from the Veterinary Technology Program?**
  - No, the Veterinary Technology Program does not operate a functional veterinary hospital or clinic on the ATC campus.

# Veterinary Technology

Athens Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate Degree.

The Veterinary Technology program is fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association-Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA-CVTEA), 1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173, as a program for educating veterinary technicians. Graduates are eligible to take the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) and apply to be recognized as a Registered Veterinary Technician in the State of Georgia. They may also be qualified to seek credentialing by other states (for information regarding the credential requirements of other states, see <http://www.aavsb.org/DLR/Default.aspx>).

Veterinary Technicians work under the direction and supervision of veterinarians to provide medical and surgical nursing care to large, small, laboratory and exotic animal species. Specific duties of veterinary technicians vary with employment type, but often include the care and handling of animals, routine clinical laboratory procedures, radiography, surgical assistance, anesthesia, dentistry, intensive care nursing, record keeping, equipment maintenance, and client education. A desire to work with people as well as animals is critical to success in veterinary technology.

The Athens Technical College-Veterinary Technology Program combines general education and basic science courses with specific courses related to veterinary technology over five semesters of continuous study. The second year of study is particularly unique in that the program implements a distinctive clinical experience utilizing the university veterinary teaching hospital and private practice settings to provide students with extensive hands-on clinical training. Graduates are prepared to be employed in clinical practice in positions that may include any area in the full spectrum of veterinary medicine (small, large, exotic, or laboratory animal nursing).

## Veterinary Technology Program Course Sequence<sup>#</sup>

<b>PREREQUISITE COURSES</b>	
*ENGL 1101 (3) Composition and Rhetoric	*BIOL 1111 (3) Biology I & BIOL 1111L (1)
*MATH 1111 (3) College Algebra	*CHEM 1211 (3) Chemistry I & CHEM 1211L (1)
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>SECOND YEAR</b>
<p><b>Fall Semester</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*FSSE 1000 (3) First Semester Seminar</li> <li>*VETT 1000 (2) Veterinary Medical Terminology</li> <li>*VETT 1010 (1) Intro to Veterinary Technology</li> <li>*VETT 1030 (4) Veterinary Clinical Procedures I</li> <li>*VETT 1060 (4) Animal Anatomy &amp; Physiology</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Semester</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective (3) Humanities/Fine Arts</li> <li>*VETT 1020 (3) Veterinary Clinical Pathology I</li> <li>*VETT 2130 (5) Veterinary Clinical Procedures II</li> <li>*VETT 2160 (3) Pharmacology for Vet Technicians</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer Semester</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective (3) Social/Behavioral Science</li> <li>*VETT 1070 (3) Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging</li> <li>*VETT 1110 (4) Veterinary Pathology &amp; Diseases</li> <li>*VETT 2120 (4) Veterinary Clinical Pathology II</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fall Semester</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*VETT 2210 (4) Laboratory &amp; Exotic Animals</li> <li>*VETT 2220 (3) Veterinary Practice Management</li> <li>*VETT 2230 (5) Veterinary Anesthesiology &amp; Surgical Procedures</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Semester</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*VETT 2300 (12) Veterinary Clinical Internship</li> </ul> <p><b>*Course must be passed with a final grade of "C" or higher.</b></p> <p><b>#Outlined sequence will insure all pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements are met to complete the curriculum under the standard course sequence.</b></p>

**Estimated Cost of Attendance (subject to change):**

Tuition and fees:	See <a href="http://www.athenstech.edu">www.athenstech.edu</a> → ATC Catalog → Tuition and Fees for current rates.
Physical Exam:	\$150.00
Vaccines & Tests:	\$1100.00 [Tetanus-toxoid (DTaP/Td), and Rabies pre-exposure 2 series or Rabies antibody titer]
VT Textbooks & Supplies:	\$2500.00
VTNE/GA Licensing Fee:	\$375.00

*The Physical Examination must be conducted within the 6 months prior to enrolling in VT Program VETT courses. Physical Exam forms must be submitted directly to the Program Chair by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the first academic semester in the VT Program.*

*All students accepted to the VT Program are required to have pre-exposure rabies vaccinations and tetanus vaccination. Proof of rabies vaccinations and tetanus vaccination must be submitted to the Program Chair by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the first academic semester.*

## Where can rabies pre-exposure vaccinations be obtained?

Rabies pre-exposure vaccines (Rabies PrEP as two injections on day 0 & day 7) can be ordered by a physician or through your local health department. Insurance coverage varies, so ask your insurance provider whether your policy includes coverage, either full or partial.

### Rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis vaccines (Rabies PrEP) are available from the following sources:

- The rabies pre-exposure vaccinations can be ordered and administered by **Georgia Department of Public Health's County Health Departments**.

*For more information about the **Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH)** and to find locations of **County Health Departments**, please refer to the DPH website:*

**<https://dph.georgia.gov/about-dph/contact-dph/public-health-districts>**

- Also, you may want to inquire about **rabies pre-exposure vaccinations** with your **primary healthcare provider (doctor or nurse practitioner)**. Inquire if your **doctor's office** can order & administer the 2-dose rabies pre-exposure vaccinations at your **doctor's office/clinic**.
- Additionally, you may want to ask your **primary healthcare provider (doctor or nurse practitioner)** if your **doctor's office** provides **vaccine prescriptions** that can be sent to a **commercial retail pharmacy (i.e., Walgreen's, Kroger, CVS, etc.)** for your **pharmacy** to order & administer the 2-dose rabies pre-exposure vaccinations. *Please first contact the retail pharmacy of your choice to determine if that pharmacy has the ability to order & administer rabies pre-exposure vaccinations, as some retail pharmacy locations will NOT routinely deal with these special-order vaccines.*

It is the responsibility of all incoming students to directly contact their **GA-DPH County Health Department, doctor/healthcare provider, and/or pharmacy** to determine the availability of the rabies pre-exposure vaccines, to inquire about current market-value pricing of the rabies pre-exposure vaccines, and to arrange for payment & ordering of the special-order rabies pre-exposure vaccines. We also recommend that incoming students contact their **private health insurance company**, as occasionally an insurance policy may cover all or part of the vaccines.

**Rabies Pre-Exposure Vaccinations** (2 IM injections on Day 0 and Day 7) and **tetanus-toxoid vaccination** (1 injection of DTap, Tdap, or Td) must be **administered before your 1<sup>st</sup> day of Fall classes**. The official proof of vaccinations (*i.e.*, print-out of GRITS or dated vaccination administration medical record from the healthcare provider or pharmacy) must be submitted to the Veterinary Technology Program Chair by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Also, a **Physical Examination** must be **conducted within 6 months prior to enrolling** in Veterinary Technology Program-specific VETT courses. Physical Exam forms will be provided to those accepted to the program by the Program Chair, and those forms must be completed by a healthcare provider and then submitted by the student directly to the Program Chair by **August 31<sup>st</sup> of the first academic semester** of program curriculum.