



STUDY VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY AT UNH

**NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FLAGSHIP
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**University of
New Hampshire**

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WHAT IS VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY?

Veterinary technology prepares students to become credentialed veterinary technicians, which are essential members of the veterinary healthcare team. Veterinary technicians are educated in the care and handling of animals, the basic principles of normal and abnormal life processes and in many laboratory and clinical procedures. Veterinary technicians work under the supervision of licensed veterinarians. While they can carry out a broad range of tasks, they are not authorized to diagnose, prescribe or perform surgery. Students can continue with post-graduate specialization in areas such as anesthesia, behavior, dentistry and emergency medicine.

WHY STUDY VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY AT UNH?

The Veterinary Technology program at UNH is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), preparing graduates to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam and pursue credentialing. The program is highly hands-on, with students working with animals from the very first day. UNH offers exceptional access to large animals, including equine and dairy herds on campus. Small animal clinical work is conducted both on campus at the PAWS Veterinary Clinic and off campus at local animal shelters. After earning an associate degree in Veterinary Technology, qualified students can transfer to the university's four-year Animal Science major and complete a bachelor's degree in two additional years of full-time study.

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Best veterinary technician program, *The Best Colleges*

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Animal behavior and handling
- Anesthesia and surgical assisting
- Client communication
- Dentistry
- Diagnostic imaging
- Laboratory procedures
- Medical ethics
- Pharmacology
- Practice management
- Veterinary nursing techniques

POTENTIAL CAREER AREAS

- Animal rescue/shelter & welfare organizations
- Diagnostic laboratories
- Pharmaceutical research/sales
- Private veterinary practices
- Public health/government (USDA, FDA, CDC)
- Specialty fields (emergency, surgery, etc.)
- Teaching and education
- Telemedicine and virtual care
- Wildlife and marine mammal care
- Zoo and aquarium work

PAWS VETERINARY CLINIC

PAWS stands for Pet Access to Wellness Services. The on-campus PAWS Veterinary Clinic is managed and operated by veterinary technology students under the supervision of licensed veterinary professionals. The clinic provides low-cost veterinary care to qualifying pet owners during the academic year and provides students with essential experience.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

- Immediate, hands-on experience with animals from the outset
- Opportunities for small and large animal work on campus
- Practical experience at PAWS Veterinary Clinic, UNH Equine Facilities and the Fairchild Dairy Teaching and Research Center
- Small class sizes, complemented by the resources of a full university
- Strategic educational partnerships with the New Hampshire SPCA and the Pope Memorial Humane Societies

EXAMPLES OF WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK

- Hampton Veterinary Hospital
- Veterinary Emergency Center of Manchester
- Port City Veterinary Referral Hospital
- New England Equine Medical & Surgical Center
- IDEXX Reference Laboratories
- New England Wildlife Center

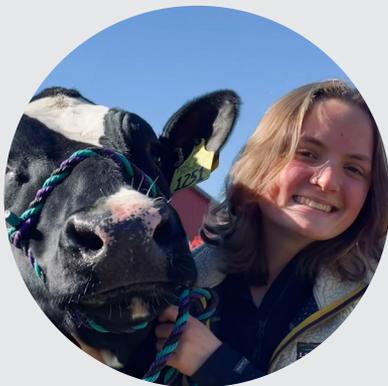
Degree Plan

SAMPLE Course Sequence

COURSE TYPE	COURSE NAME	NUMBER OF CREDITS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE NAME	NUMBER OF CREDITS
FIRST YEAR					
FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
AAS 428	Anatomy & Physiology of Domestic Animals	4	VTEC 565	Pharmacology for Veterinary Technicians	4
CHEM 411	Introductory Chemistry for the Life Sciences	4	VTEC 449	Clinical Animal Nursing Techniques I	4
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	4	VTEC 435	Animal Health and Laboratory Diagnostics	4
VTEC 424	Introduction to Veterinary Technology	2		Quantitative Reasoning Course	4
VTEC 430	Companion Animal Behavior & Handling Techniques	4			
<i>Total Credits</i>		18	<i>Total Credits</i>		16

SECOND YEAR					
FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
AAS 421	Large Animal Behavior & Handling Techniques	2	VTEC 580	Small Animal Practicum II	4
VTEC 497	Veterinary Technology Work Experience	0	VTEC 583	Large Animal Practicum	2
VTEC 550	Clinical Animal Nursing Techniques II	4	VTEC 595	Veterinary Technology Internship	3
VTEC 575	Veterinary Anesthesia and Surgical Assisting	4	VTEC 599	Comprehensive VTNE Review	4
VTEC 579	Small Animal Practicum I	4		Social Science Course	4
<i>Total Credits</i>		14	<i>Total Credits</i>		17
TOTAL CREDITS					65

Rabies immunization is required for all students prior to enrollment in the program.



MEET MADELINE MAILHOT '25

"I love this program because not only are each of the faculty members dedicated to giving us the highest level of education, but they are also both personable and accessible. The hands-on experiences, internships and bonding between classmates has been remarkable. Many of the faculty are working in the veterinary field, and they have so many stories to share and advice to give. They do all this while ensuring the next generation of technicians are as prepared as possible to be the future of veterinary nursing.

Along with the great support from my professors, having the ability to learn in hands-on, real-life scenarios is amazing prep for the real world. I feel that when I step into my first job, I will be competent, skilled and ready due to all the experience I've gained from UNH."

“The vet tech program is a close community. There is always someone willing to help or study with you. I love how much hands-on experience I’m offered. I enjoy the on-campus clinic where we help low income families receive veterinary care. It is such a rewarding experience.”

— KALEY DUPONT '25, '26



As a student in the veterinary technology associate degree program, you will experience a wide range of hands-on learning opportunities and gain the knowledge you need to stand out in a competitive marketplace as soon as you graduate.

Your life, your options. We'll make sure you're ready.



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