

## Veterinary Medical Technology

The Veterinary Medical Technology Program (VMTP) prepares students for multiple career opportunities. Upon completion of this program, graduates will positively contribute to the veterinary health care team regardless of the area/specialty graduates wish to pursue. Potential work environments for VMTP graduates include but are not limited to private veterinary practice, biomedical research, pharmaceutical industry, zoological parks, humane societies, nutrition companies, United States Department of Agriculture, U.S. military, and academic institutions. The third year of the curriculum is competitive and enrollment is limited to 30 students. Accepted students will begin classes the fall semester following acceptance. The fourth year mainly consists of clinical experiences and begins the fall semester following successful completion of the third year.

## PRE-ADMISSION POLICY

Preadmission is offered on a competitive basis to high school seniors and college students who have earned no more than 18 college credits. Applicants must have demonstrated significant academic achievement including an overall GAP of 80 for high school seniors or an overall GPA of 2.8 for college freshmen. There is also an ACT requirement of 21 or an SAT requirement of 1500. Online applications are available at [www.cvm.msstate.edu](http://www.cvm.msstate.edu). Questions should be addressed to [www.msuvmt@cvm.msstate.edu](mailto:www.msuvmt@cvm.msstate.edu). Those granted preadmission status into the VMTP are pre-accepted into the junior year of the VMTP contingent upon their maintaining predetermined qualifications during their freshman and sophomore year.

## REGULAR ADMISSION POLICY

Applications will be accepted January 15 – March 1. Admission procedures include a critique of each applicant's academic record, an evaluation of each applicant's references, and a personal interview of selected applicants. Entrance requirements are listed below.

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS TO THE JUNIOR YEAR

An applicant to the junior year of the VMTP must successfully complete prerequisite courses by the end of the spring semester prior to beginning the junior year. Three (3) letter of recommendation are required. To apply, applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale with no grade less than "C" in any prerequisite course. The minimum GPA must be maintained throughout the application process. Prerequisite courses for entrance into the VMTP must include specific courses:

English Composition 6 semester hours

Mathematics (college algebra or higher) 6 semester hours

Inorganic Chemistry 7 semester hours

Humanities 6 semester hours

Social/Behavioral Sciences 6 semester hours

Public Speaking 3 semester hours

Microbiology with lab 4 semester hours

Biological science (preferably Biology I and II) with lab 8 semester hours

Fine Arts 3 semester hours

ADS 1114 Animal Science 4 semester hours

VS 1012 Careers in Veterinary Medicine 2 semester hours

CVM 3101 Veterinary Medical Terminology

**Total of 56 semester hours**