

APSU Veterinary Technology Program

Thank you for your interest in Austin Peay State University's Veterinary Technology Program.

To qualify for admission to the program, you must be admitted concurrently to the university.

To be considered for early acceptance to the next class beginning in August, you need to submit the following list of documents no later than **February 22** of the year in which you plan to begin the vet tech specific coursework:

- Application (attached)
- Two letters of reference (attached) – **at least one** should be completed by a veterinarian or licensed vet. tech. in a supervisory role during your observation/shadowing/employment
- Copy of transcripts, including GPA, *if not* attending APSU at time of application.
- A personal statement essay describing why you want to become a veterinary technologist and where you see yourself three years after graduation.
- A written explanation of why you think you would be a successful candidate for the program if your GPA is below 2.8, and how you plan to address and improve your academic performance. If your GPA is below 2.8, your application will not be complete without this written explanation.
- Signed confirmation you have reviewed the technical standard and essential functions form, the rabies vaccination policy and the transportation policy (attached).

Submit application and required forms, by mail, to:

**Austin Peay State University
Veterinary Technology Program
PO Box 4607
Clarksville, TN 37044.**

If accepted, you will be required to submit proof of health insurance, and attend a pre-semester orientation with the program director.

Please call 931-221-7051 or email webbcd@apsu.edu with any questions.

Sincerely,



Christina Webb, DVM
Director, Veterinary Technology Program
Associate Professor, Agriculture

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Application for Admission

DATE: _____

A#: _____

NAME: (Last) _____, (First) _____, (MI) _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

(Street) _____

(City) _____ (County) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

TELEPHONE/CELL: _____

Estimate of hours of experience under the supervision of a veterinarian or licensed veterinary tech: _____

Provide the name of a relative or friend that can be notified in case of an emergency:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Provide information below concerning college, university, or other schools attended.

Name of Institution	Address	Degree/Certificate obtained

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Reference Letter for Veterinary Technology Program

This letter is sent in reference to _____ who has applied for admission to the APSU Veterinary Technology Program. Please use this form to evaluate them in the following areas.

Using 1 through 5, **1 being poor and 5 being excellent**, please circle the appropriate response. If you are unaware or have not witnessed the applicant in a certain area, mark "**don't know.**"

Characteristics	Score					
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2. Ethical/Moral conduct	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
3. Intelligence	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
4. Appearance	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
5. Dependability	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
6. Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
7. Judgement	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
8. Interpersonal relations	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
9. Poise around animals	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
10. Communication skills	1	2	3	4	5	don't know
11. Practice safety	1	2	3	4	5	don't know

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what relationship have you known the applicant? _____

What agency/school/clinic do you represent? _____

Are you related to the applicant? No ___ Yes ___ If yes, how? _____

Overall, I would ___ or would not ___ recommend the applicant to your program. Please choose one.

Feel free to attach additional comments when submitting this form.

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TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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Technical Standards & Essential Functions for the Veterinary Technology Program

The following are the minimum (and not limited to) technical standards and essential functions for a veterinary technologist. APSU provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified students with disabilities, as long as such disabilities, as determined on a case-by-case basis, do not preclude the student from meeting the technical standards and essential functions for the program.

Categories of Essential Functions

- **Observation:** Ability to participate actively in all demonstrations, laboratory exercises, and clinical experiences in the professional program and to assess and comprehend the condition of all patients assigned to him/her for data collection for the purpose of assessments and evaluation, screening, intervention, and preparation for discharge.
 - Visual:
 - Possess adequate visual ability, with or without correction, that allows the determination of minute areas of detail, very small variations in color and adequate depth perception
 - Auditory:
 - Possess auditory ability necessary to monitor and assess health status, including auscultation of heart and lungs, and hear equipment alarms and warning sounds from animals, humans, and/or equipment of impending danger or injury
 - Tactile:
 - Palpate a pulse and detect changes or abnormalities of surface texture, skin, muscle tone, and temperature
- **Communication:** Ability to communicate effectively in English using verbal, non-verbal and written formats with academic and clinical faculty, students, patients, clients, families and all members of the healthcare team.
 - Sensitively and effectively elicit and assess verbal and non- verbal information while engaging in intervention with patients, clients, families, and colleagues.
 - Effectively articulate verbal and written information to patients, families, staff, instructors and fellow students in both academic and clinical settings.
 - Receive, write and interpret written communication in both academic and clinical settings.
- **Motor:** Sufficient motor ability to execute the movement and skills required for safe and effective laboratory and clinical procedures, therapeutic intervention and emergency treatment as necessary.
 - Demonstrate stability, mobility, strength and agility to assist, restrain, and safeguard patients, self, and peers.
 - Be able to lift and carry up to 50lbs.

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- Be able to stand or sit for lengthy periods in a clinical or academic setting.
- Possess fine motor movements in order to perform the essential skills of the profession.
- **Intellectual:** Ability to collect, interpret and integrate information. Ability to demonstrate clinical reasoning.
 - Read, comprehend, and retain relevant information.
 - Using critical thinking, analyze information to solve problems.
- **Behavioral and Social Attributes:** Possess the emotional health and stability necessary to exercise sound clinical judgment and develop mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients, clients, their families, and other members of the health care team. Possess the ability to tolerate taxing workloads, function effectively under stress, adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in clinical settings with patients. Possess compassion, integrity, concern for others.
 - Manage time, energy, and flexibility during various academic and clinical situations.
 - Be able to complete required tasks/functions under stressful and/or unpredictable conditions, including emergency situations.
 - Display professional behavior and emotionally healthy responses to stress, compassion fatigue, and conflicts in a clinical or academic setting.
 - Work independently and as a member of a team.
 - Respect and be sensitive to cultural differences, differing values and opinions.
 - Be able to interact appropriately with clients, and all members of the veterinary healthcare team.
 - Maintain cleanliness and personal grooming consistent with close human and animal contact.
 - Manage stress in ways that support overall wellbeing.
- **Safety:** Possess the ability to ensure the physical, biological, and/or emotional safety of the patient, caregiver, students, staff, instructors, or self during academic and clinical duties.
 - Be aware of and know how to respond to potential hazards in a clinical setting.
 - Practice safety through proper restraint, instrument or diagnostic techniques, and prevention and correction of potential hazards.

Rabies Vaccination Policy

Rabies is a zoonotic disease that is deadly to humans. Working with certain species of animals may inherently increase the risk of exposure to animal care workers. For this reason, **rabies vaccination is required** at the student's expense, if not covered by medical insurance, or other means. *Proof of complete vaccination is required* by the first day of AGRI 3711. If already vaccinated, proof of adequate blood titer, within the previous two years, should be provided by the same date as proof of vaccination. *Students will be prevented from handling live mammals if they are not completely vaccinated for rabies, which may negatively impact success in the concentration.*

Transportation Policy

Students must provide their own method of transportation to clinical sites. Applicants should be aware that travel outside Montgomery County may be required for clinical experience.

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I have received a copy of the Austin Peay State University Technical and Essential Functions for the Veterinary Technology Program. I understand that these are **minimum typical standards** and that examples included are not all inclusive for what may be necessary to excel in the career. I believe that I meet all the standards, and want to be considered for admission to the Veterinary Technology Program.

Signature

Date

Rabies Policy

I confirm that I have received, read, and understood the rabies policy.

Signature

Date

Transportation Policy

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