

Veterinary Technician Program (PVETT): Essential Start-Up Information for NEW Students

Welcome to Sheridan College's Veterinary Technician program! The Veterinary Technician program is a highly demanding and highly rewarding pursuit of education and career. Our outstanding team is dedicated to your success! Faculty are experts in their field and will ensure that you receive the most up-to-date information and skills. We look forward to meeting you and are excited to be learning with you on your journey!

ORIENTATION

Orientation for the veterinary technician program is **mandatory** and all students are expected to attend. This is a great opportunity to get information about the program, meet faculty, pick up your scrubs and books, and meet some of our second-year students. All of this was designed to help you feel prepared and ready to start learning in September. Program orientation will be taking place **IN PERSON** at Sheridan College (Davis campus; Brampton) on **August 29, 2024, from 9:00 am-10:30 am in B213 at the Davis campus**. Here is what we have planned for you on August 29.

Our Agenda

Program Session Information:

Session time: 9:00am-10:30am

Room: B213 - Davis campus

SCRUBS & Books Pick Up-Vet Tech Program Time!!!

10:45-11:45 Bookstore (a special vet tech slot has been arranged for you)

Meet Faculty and Second Year Students, Tutor Our Dedicated Labs

B121, B123, B197, B198

10:45-1:00 pm

Come and meet faculty and second year students!

You will receive an email from the Sheridan College First Year Experience Team with more details. We recommended that you have access to a day planner/notebook and pen for the orientation session because you will be provided with a lot of information!

PROGRAM QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE

Got questions...we are here to help! Please feel free to contact us with your questions, but remember, emails should only be sent from your Sheridan Central account. We are unable to open emails from generic mail services (ex. Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.) for security reasons.

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ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

The veterinary technician program is very excited to have program academic support for the fall 2024 term. More details provided at Orientation.

LEARN WELL

We understand that the transition to post-secondary can be difficult, and we want to help you on this journey. We highly recommend that you use the time before classes begin to review the Learn Well modules. A link is provided below. Whether you have recently graduated from high school, are starting your journey towards a second career, or have university experience, we believe that the Learn Well modules can help make your transition to Sheridan and the veterinary technician program easier.

<https://www.sheridancollege.ca/student-life/well-series>

FALL 2024 DELIVERY MODE AND VACATIONS

The fall 2024 term is 14-weeks in duration. Attendance in all lectures and labs is mandatory. ALL classes AND labs in the veterinary technician program are face-to-face and on-site at Sheridan College's Davis campus (Steeles & McLaughlin Road in Brampton). Lectures and labs start September 3. Please come to your classes ON TIME and prepared to work. To help create a safe learning space for all students, the program does not record lectures and labs.

Vacations during the academic term-The program **DOES NOT** recommend that you book a personal vacation during the semester. Due to the practical nature of the program, we **WILL NOT** reschedule assessments (lecture or lab) to accommodate personal vacations taken during teaching weeks, and will result in a grade of 0 for that assessment. Please plan accordingly.

2026 GRADUATING CLASS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

A virtual community, **Vet Tech 2026 Graduating Class** has been set up on SLATE for your class (**1277329_VC**). This virtual community will contain important information for the start of your program and will be available to you **AFTER** the orientation session. You can access the virtual community by logging onto SLATE, then click on the virtual community tab at the top of the page.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

Important dates for the 2024/25 academic year can be found on Sheridan's academic calendar. Familiarize yourself with the calendar so that you know important dates such as the term start, add/drop/swap, reading break. You can access the calendar using this link: [Academic Calendar | Admissions | Sheridan College](#)

PROGRAM WEBSITE: <https://www.sheridancollege.ca/programs/veterinary-technician>

PLACEMENT & VACCINATIONS – VERY IMPORTANT – READ CAREFULLY!

Prophylactic vaccination against the rabies virus is MANDATORY for all students entering the Veterinary Technician program. By now, you should have completed the Intent to be Vaccinated Form (link sent via email to all incoming students). The Veterinary Technician program in collaboration with the Davis campus Health Center team is requesting information to help prepare you for your Rabies vaccination. If you have not done this,

please do so ASAP as we need this information to ensure sufficient quantities of vaccine are ordered for the fall term.

Instructions for how to get your first vaccine at Sheridan College will be provided by the Davis Health Center team during the program orientation on August 30. The **approximate** cost is **\$187.00 PER DOSE** and students **require 3 doses**. Sheridan does not directly bill to insurance companies; a receipt will be provided. After completion of the rabies vaccination series, a blood sample is collected to check immunological response (i.e., titre) at no cost by the Davis Health Centre nurses and/or physicians. Students who are already vaccinated against the rabies virus can get a rabies titre (covered by OHIP) done after July 1 through their regular physician or the Davis Health Centre. This will ensure that your titre results are valid throughout the placement duration. Rabies vaccines can also be obtained through some family doctors and travel clinics, but they may be more expensive.

Students in the veterinary technician program are required to find their own placement in a regular small animal veterinary hospital/clinic starting in semester 1. Your placement supervisor must be an RVT or DVM. **The clinic you choose for your placement cannot be your place of employment.** Confidential documents required for field placement are reviewed by Synergy Gateway, a 3rd party company for document verification. The cost to use Synergy is approximately **\$50.00/year** and is payable at the time when you upload your documents. **More information will be provided during orientation and in your first SCIE10123 lab.**

ATTIRE

Sheridan specified coloured scrubs and name tag are MANDATORY attire for ALL laboratory sessions/classes and off campus excursions. A special pick-up time for all vet tech students has been arranged at the bookstore on Orientation Day (August 29, 2024) from 10:45-11:45 am. Scrubs must be Royal Blue in colour and can be picked up in the Sheridan Bookstore with your student ID. Each student will receive 2 sets of scrubs, the cost of which is already included in your kit fees. Please take your **Onecard** to the Bookstore to pick-up your sets. A sizing chart has been provided with this letter.

A Sheridan nametag will be issued to you to identify you as a Veterinary Technician student, and you will receive a high-quality stethoscope as part of your program kit. Your kit also contains items you will require for certain classes. Your instructors will let you know what you are required to bring to their class. Kits will be distributed in week 1 or 2 in one of your classes/labs.

Closed-toe shoes with a non-slip sole are MANDATORY (Crocs or similar footwear are not permitted), long necklaces and dangly earrings are not permitted, and long hair must be tied back. You will not be permitted to participate in a lab if you are not appropriately attired. This includes exams and assessments. Individual instructors may also have additional requirements for their specific courses, which must be adhered to.

Students are expected to maintain a clean, tidy professional image while on campus and while out on placement. Please note that placement facilities reserve the right to enforce dress code requirements that meet their professional expectations.

TIMETABLES

Timetables in the veterinary technician program are pre-assigned based on blocks. Therefore, the only course you need to pick in term 1 is a general education elective (details provided below). Students must have paid their full-time tuition deposit to receive a timetable. Lecture and lab sections for term 1 may be swapped IF there is space. Sections that are at capacity (i.e. full) will NOT be listed on the add/drop/swap portal. We anticipate timetables to be released early August (approximately in the second week) and add/drop/swap will open the following week. Please note that lab sections have a maximum capacity which we are unable to exceed. Changes to your timetable can be made up to day 10 of the fall term. Adjustments to your timetable can be made on Sheridan Central under the myOTR tab.

For the veterinary technician program, timetable questions are triaged first by Sheela Iyer (Program Coordinator & Academic Advisor). If you have questions about your schedule, please contact Sheela **AFTER August 12, 2024** (sheela.iyer@sheridancollege.ca).

You will be required to select General Education courses in your 1st, 3rd and 4th semesters. It is highly recommended that you select courses that are offered online, due to current program map requirements to accommodate field placement. You will be required to select and enroll in your General Education course. Instructions for enrolling in General Education courses can be found at: <http://myotr.sheridaninstitute.ca/electives.html>. Please email generaleducation@sheridancollege.ca if you have questions about the courses or how to obtain advanced standing for prior credits from another educational institution. Your timetable will contain a general education placeholder that you will need to swap for a course. Students who have advanced standing for the term 1 general elective can ignore the placeholder. It will be removed by the Office of the Registrar after day 10 of the fall term.

You will also be enrolled in an English Communications class – either COMM19999 or COMM19997. The results of your language assessment will determine which course you are enrolled in. If you are enrolled in COMM19997 you will be required to take COMM19999 in your second semester. If you do not see either of these courses on your schedule, please confirm that you have completed the language assessment and then go to the OTR (Office of the Registrar) to have it added. You cannot graduate without having completed COMM19999.

If you wish to apply for Advanced Standing for your general education requirement(s), you must have your application submitted within the first 2 weeks of the semester, although it is encouraged to begin the process prior to the start of the semester. All core veterinary technician program course submitted for Advanced Standing must have a passing grade of 60% or higher, have been taken within 5 years, and is at least 80% equivalent in curricular content and programmed hours to the Sheridan course. Information about advanced standing can be found on the Sheridan Central website.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES & ACTIVITIES

Reasonable additional duties may be assigned on a course-by-course basis, which may include lab monitors, and lab set-up/take down, and students will be expected to complete and manage these duties as an integral part of their education. Students will participate in off campus activities and/or laboratory sessions and will be responsible for their own transportation to and from these sites (i.e., for labs conducted at Brampton Animal Shelter). Most sessions take place in the Brampton/Mississauga area and are accessible by public transportation. Attendance is mandatory.

BOOKS & SUPPLIES

A booklist has been provided with this letter. You may also contact the Campus Bookstore for assistance. You can also search for your texts through their website: <http://www.bkstr.com/sheridandavisstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>. Consider using their online portal to order your books which you can then pick up on **August 29 (10:45-11:45 am)** when you are at Sheridan for Orientation. Supplies for labs will be provided to you in your student kits and during classes. While a laptop computer is not required for this program it is highly recommended.

You will require a basic (non-programmable) calculator for a number of your courses, beginning with MATH10688. Cell phones, tablets, and smart watches are not permitted to be used as a calculator during classes and/or quizzes, tests, or exams for any course.

ONECARD – campus access card

New incoming full-time students are required to upload a photo for their **OneCard**. Once enrolled at Sheridan you will automatically receive a link to your Sheridan email account to upload a photo. If the link is broken or expired, you can visit <https://onecardphoto.sheridancollege.ca/> and use your Sheridan email to request that a new link be sent to you. <https://central.sheridancollege.ca/onecard-students>

LOCKER RENTAL & PARKING

Personal belongings such as back packs, purses, food and beverages are not permitted in many of our labs, especially B197 (Biosciences lab). Based on this, it is strongly recommended that you consider renting a locker at the college, where you can store your personal belongings when you are in lab. Information on locker rentals and parking can be found on Sheridan Central. Vet tech labs are in the B building at the Davis campus, rooms B197, B198, B121 and B123 (all are on the first floor of the B building)

<https://central.sheridancollege.ca/locker-rentals>

<https://central.sheridancollege.ca/parking-services>

Accessible parking: <https://central.sheridancollege.ca/accessible-parking>

ACCESSIBLE LEARNING

Sheridan's Accessible Learning (AL) team is “responsible for providing academic accommodation planning for students with disabilities to ensure barrier-free access to education”. Students who feel they may require academic accommodations are encouraged to contact Sheridan's AL team as soon as possible. Information about Accessible Learning at Sheridan can be found at <https://www.sheridancollege.ca/student-life/student-services/accessible-learning-services>

STUDENT ADVISEMENT

Navigating your educational journey at Sheridan is easier with our Student Advisement team by your side. Our knowledgeable staff are here to help you with any questions or concerns. Drop by the Service Hub for answers, supports, and to be connected to college resources. For more complex issues, our dedicated Student Advisors offer one-on-one meetings to guide you through college policies, processes and options* to develop a clear plan of action to stay on track with your academic goals.

*For example: to review Sheridan's grading system and academic standing, to discuss matters impacting your Sheridan journey (e.g., financial, academic and more) and connect you with the right supports.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Sheridan's International Services are here to support our international students with all immigration-related matters. Connect with our Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors for expert guidance. You can join virtual drop-in sessions, attend informative workshops, or schedule one-on-one appointments. We cover a range of topics including study permits, work eligibility, co-op work permits, post-graduation work permits, travel outside of Canada, temporary resident visas, immigration regulations, and spousal work permits.

International Students: As per IRCC, you must be in possession of a valid coop work permit for the duration of your placement (whether paid or unpaid).

If you have not received your coop work permit upon entry to Canada or are unsure if you have the coop work permit, please visit Sheridan's Immigration Resources to find out more information, learn how to apply, join a virtual workshop or speak to a Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor (RISIA) at Sheridan.

To connect with our Student Advisement team or International Services, visit the Service Hub, email us at askanadvisor@sheridancollege.ca, or explore [our Student Support page](#) on Sheridan Central.

PERSONAL WELLNESS

We care about your personal health and wellness! The Veterinary Technician program is highly demanding in both time and energy; therefore, looking after your personal health and wellness is of utmost importance. Time management, establishing work/study groups, and taking care of yourself are your keys to success in the program. Be sure you eat well, get lots of sleep, consider reducing out of school employment hours, and take time out for yourself and your hobbies/interests each day. Should you feel overwhelmed at any time, there are wonderful support services available for you here at the college. Please don't hesitate to contact your program coordinator for guidance!

On behalf of the Veterinary Technician program team, welcome to an amazing, exciting, and action-packed program! We are so very excited to meet you at the **program orientation on August 29**.

WELCOME TO VET TECH

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PVETT Veterinary Technician – Textbook List – Fall 2024 (core vet tech courses)

SEMESTER 1			
COURSE	TEXTBOOK	ISBN	REQUIRED/ OPTIONAL
ANAT10799 Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology	<i>Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians (4th Edition, 2023)-paperback</i> Authors: Colville, T.P. & Bassert, J.M.	9780323793414	Required
	<i>Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians (4th Edition, 2023)-ebook on VitalSource</i> Authors: Colville, T.P. & Bassert, J.M.	9780323826310	Option to purchase ebook
	<u>Lab Manual:</u> <i>Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians Laboratory Manual (4rd Edition, 2023)-paperback</i> Authors: Colville, T.P. & Bassert, J.M.	9780323793421	Required
	<i>Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians Laboratory Manual (4rd Edition, 2023)-ebook on VitalSource</i> Authors: Colville, T.P. & Bassert, J.M.	9780323826341	Option to purchase ebook
SCIE10199 Veterinary Lab Techniques 1: Parasitology	<i>Laboratory Procedures for Veterinary Technicians (7th Edition)-paperback</i> Authors: Sirois, M.	9780323595384	Required
	<i>Laboratory Procedures for Veterinary Technicians</i>	9780323595049	Student option to purchase ebook

	<p><i>(7th Edition) – ebook on VitalSource</i> Authors: Sirois, M.</p>		
	<p><i>Veterinary Clinical Parasitology, (9th Edition)-Wiley publication</i> Authors: Zajac, Conboy, Little, Reichard</p>	978-1-119-30079-3	Required
SCIE19999 Animal Handling Behaviour	<p><i>Animal Restraint for Veterinary Professionals (3rd edition)-paperback</i> Authors: Sheldon, Topel, & Sonsthagen</p>	97803233881432	Required
	<p><i>Animal Restraint for Veterinary Professionals (3rd edition)-ebook on VitalSource</i> Authors: Sheldon, Topel, & Sonsthagen</p>	9780323937955	Student option to purchase ebook
MATH10688 Veterinary Technician Pharmaceutical Math	<p><i>Essential Calculations for Veterinary Nurses and Technicians (4rd Edition)-paperback</i> Authors: Lake, T., & Green, N.</p>	9780702084010	Required
	<p><i>Essential Calculations for Veterinary Nurses and Technicians (4rd Edition)-ebook on VitalSource</i> Authors: Lake, T., & Green, N.</p>	9780323833622	Student option to purchase ebook
SCIE10123 Introduction to Veterinary Technology	<p><i>Elsevier's Veterinary Assisting Textbook (3rd Editio, 2020)-paperback</i> Author: Sirois, M.</p>	9780323681452	Required
	<p><i>Elsevier's Veterinary Assisting Textbook (3rd Edition, 2020)-ebook on VitalSource</i> Author: Sirois, M.</p>	9780323683647	Student option to purchase ebook

Note: For COMM19999 and general elective courses – please refer to your course outline(s).