

The Veterinary Technology Diploma program (VTEC) is now available in two formats: you can choose to study either full-time (in-person) or part-time (hybrid).

- < In the full-time in-person cohort, you'll graduate in just two years (4 semesters + practicum).
- < In the three-year (9 semester) part time hybrid cohort, almost all courses will be online during the Fall and Winter semesters (September to April). Each year, mostly during the summer semesters, you'll be on campus for 3 weeks for in-person condensed lab courses where you'll be taught the practical skills required to become a veterinary technologist. You will be required to work in a small animal or mixed Veterinary Hospital for at least 4 of the 9 semesters.

A: Dates and times for information sessions are found [HERE](#). They are usually held monthly September to June. Information Sessions are mostly held online through Zoom with some in-person information sessions.

You must decide when you apply which cohort you are applying for: the in-person, on campus, two-year option, or, the hybrid part-time, three-year option.

There is a strict maximum of 30 student in each cohort. The differences in teaching methods mean that many of the courses in the part time option are structured and sequenced differently than the full time, on-campus option and therefore even if there were space, it will be difficult to match up courses to switch between the part time and full-time cohort (or vice versa).

A: You will not be able to submit an application after after the January deadline if our programs are fully subscribed. In the unlikely event that we are not able to fill all 60 seats, the application process will be reopened as needed over the summer.

A: Yes, you do. The prerequisite courses are in place to ensure you can be successful in the program and successfully write the VTNE's (veterinary technologist national board exam). There is a lot of theory that requires some basic background in the sciences, including math to calculate dosages, etc.

A: All applicants must spend 80 hours working in a veterinary hospital or clinic, observing or working with an RVT (Registered Veterinary Technologist) and/or DVM (veterinarian) so that the Task Observation Form (TOF) is completed.

A: Detailed costs are available on the Douglas College website – specifically the _____ [100 and 200 level courses].

If you take the 3 year part-time option, you will be taking 6-8 credits per semester, ~\$1000 to \$1240 /semester, PLUS a VTEC specific program fee of ~\$220 /semester (x9 semesters).

If you take the 2 year full-time on campus option, you will be taking 14-16 credits per semester (\$1950- \$2200/ semester) plus a VTEC specific program fee of \$550/ semester (x4 semesters).

The VTEC program may also include additional costs such as laboratory equipment, required textbooks, proctoring fees (for online courses only).

Student loans: although part-time and full-time

