Veterinary Technician Program Clinic Placement Requirements

Students must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for placement in a clinic rotation. The clinic requirement placement process beings after acceptance into the Veterinary Technician Program.

American DataBank (Bellinghamtechcompliance.com)

Students will be required to create an account with Bellinghamtechcompliance.com. Information on how to create your account will be emailed to you by the Veterinary Technician Program. The cost will be approximately $120. Students will use Complio for their background check, UA, physical exam, and immunization tracking for the duration of the Veterinary Technician Program. Students will need to upload all their clinic documentation to the website and keep their clinic placement requirements current through Bellinghamtechcompliance.com.

Criminal History Background Inquiry & Urine Drug Screening

Students must pass a criminal history background check and provide a negative 10-panel urine drug test. Information on the background check process and disqualifying crimes can be found on the Criminal History Background Check Info Sheet. Students with pending and/or disqualifying crimes are not eligible for clinic rotations. Dilute UA samples require rescreening within five business days at an additional cost and a second dilute sample is considered a positive. If your final drug test results are positive, you will be ineligible to participate in the program for one year. *Instructions for initiating the process and creating an account will be emailed to you from the Veterinary Technician Program.*

Physical Exam

All students must show evidence of satisfactory health status by physical examination within 6 months prior to starting clinic rotations (**Get your physical exam after July 4th**). The examination may be conducted by a physician or mid-level provider (PA, ARNP) and the provider must sign off that you have met the **Essential Qualifications of Veterinary Technician Students** and whether or not there are any health problems or limitations that may interfere with your ability to complete clinic rotations while enrolled in the Veterinary Technician program.

Health Insurance

You must submit proof of current health insurance coverage. Student Injury-only insurance is acceptable and information on how to enroll is available on the BTC website. Your health insurance must be current throughout the duration of the program and you must notify the Veterinary Technician program of changes to your health insurance.

COVID-19 Vaccination

- You will be required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. To be considered fully vaccinated, two weeks must have passed since the date of the second dose or first dose for the one-dose vaccine. Proof of vaccination must include the vaccine you received and the date(s) of vaccination(s). Medical, religious or philosophical exemptions cannot be accepted for clinical placement.

Rabies Vaccine

In response to new accreditation requirements by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), starting August 1, 2023 all students in the Veterinary Technician Program at Bellingham Technical College will be required to complete a two-dose rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) prior to winter quarter. This series is also recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Suggestions for getting the pre-exposure vaccine:

- Contact a physician regarding this program requirement.
- Contact your health insurance provider to inquire about pricing.
- Vaccines are available through Hoagland Pharmacy in Bellingham.
- To discuss possible funding support to help with the vaccine costs, please contact you College Navigator.

Recommended (not required) Immunizations

Veterinary Technician students are encouraged to have the following immunizations and students are encouraged to have a rabies vaccine if planning on working with wildlife or stray animals. Women who may become pregnant are encouraged to know their toxoplasma titer prior to becoming pregnant, and understand appropriate health precautions if they become pregnant and are working in veterinary care facilities.

- Tetanus booster vaccination
- Hepatitis B (Hep B) series vaccination
- Yearly influenza vaccination
- Toxoplasma titer

Next Steps- Once you have registered for first quarter program core courses

1. The clinic placement requirements process begins after you have registered for VETT 101, VETT 102, VETT 103, VET 120, VETT 201
2. You will receive an email from the program with deadlines for completing clinic requirements, instructions for creating an account and submitting documentation to Bellinghamtechcompliance.com.
3. Complete the urine drug screen (UA) and background check by the deadline. Creating your Complio account and paying for the services initiate the background check process.

   You are responsible for scheduling your UA appointment at the designated collection site. Negative results will be available within 3 business days from collection. If the test is non-negative it will transmit to a Medical Review Officer (MRO) for review. The MRO will contact you by phone with next steps. If your sample is dilute you will need to retest at additional cost. *BTC staff cannot be involved in the drug testing process in any way.*
4. Next you can make an appointment with your healthcare provider for a physical exam but be aware that the ***physical exam must be completed no earlier than 6 months prior to the start of clinical***. You will need to download the Physical Exam form from Complio.
5. Upload your clinic requirements documentation and Physical Exam form to Complio and electronically sign the required clinic placement forms.

For questions about the clinic placement requirement process, please email clinicalinfo@btc.edu

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