

# VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS - Fall 2023

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Checklist Item	Important Information
NSCC Online Application	Submit the online application for the year for which you are applying; regardless of whether you are a new or current student (a previously submitted application does not count).
Mandatory Information Session Attendance	Upcoming dates are available by visiting <a href="http://www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/mandatory-information-sessions.html">http://www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/mandatory-information-sessions.html</a> <b>Attendance will be recorded to satisfy this requirement.</b>
High School Transcript or GED score report	Upload a copy of your high school transcript or GED score report. If you previously submitted the transcript or score report and attended classes within the past 5 years, then Enrollment likely has it on file. You may confirm this by emailing: <a href="mailto:SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu">SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu</a>
Math Requirement	<p>An applicant must demonstrate <b>ONE</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MAT002 with a C or better, completed Spring 2015 or later</li><li>• Successful completion of Module 8 of the Preparation for College Math modules</li><li>• Completion of MAT 091, 092 or 094 with a grade of C or better</li><li>• Completion of MAT 140 or higher with a grade of C or better. This can be completed at NSCC or be an equivalent course from another accredited College or University</li><li>• Math proficiency and CPT/CEAR of 54 or higher or NGQA of 262 or higher.</li><li>• Math SAT Score of 510 or higher (if taken prior to 2016: no time limit).</li><li>• Math SAT score of 540 or higher (if taken after 2016)</li><li>• Math ACT score of 22 or higher (no time limit)</li><li>• For 2014 (or later) High School graduates:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Overall HS GPA OF 2.7 or higher</li></ul></li></ul>
Biology Requirement	<p>Candidates applying for admission to the Veterinary Technology program for Fall 2023 will be required to have an introductory level course in biology (equivalent to NSCC BIO 101) with a C or better completed prior to entry into the program. The biology course must have a laboratory component. The biology course must be for science or health science majors.</p> <p>A high school class will meet this requirement as long as the applicant earned a final grade of "C" or better and the student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• took the class while in high school</li><li>• completed the class within 5 years of application</li><li>• graduated high school within 5 years of application</li><li>• the class had a laboratory component</li></ul> <p>Students may be <b>enrolled</b> in the prerequisite course at the time of application, but admission remains conditional until a <b>final grade of C or better</b> is submitted no later than June 30th, prior to the Fall start. <b>Due to COVID-19, on-line classes are accepted.</b></p>

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Chemistry Requirement	<p>Candidates applying for admission to the Veterinary Technology program for Fall 2023 will be required to have an introductory level course in chemistry (equivalent to NSCC CHE 101) with a C or better completed prior to entry into the program. The chemistry course must have a laboratory component. A high school class will meet this requirement as long as the applicant earned a final grade of "C" or better and the student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• took the class while in high school</li><li>• completed the class within 5 years of application</li><li>• graduated high school within 5 years of application</li><li>• the class had a laboratory component</li></ul> <p>Students may be <b>enrolled</b> in the prerequisite course at the time of application, but admission remains conditional until a <b>final grade of C or better</b> is submitted no later than June 30th, prior to the Fall start. <b>Due to COVID-19, on-line classes are accepted.</b></p>
Communications Proficiency	<p>There are many ways to demonstrate this. (See link below.) If you have demonstrated proficiency with your SAT scores or Accuplacer testing from another institution, please upload that document to your application. If you have demonstrated proficiency with your high school GPA or with college level courses, this will be updated upon review of your submitted materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://www.northshore.edu/academics/proficiency/communications-proficiency.html">http://www.northshore.edu/academics/proficiency/communications-proficiency.html</a></li></ul>
Resume	<p>Submit a resume highlighting your academic, extracurricular, volunteer, and work history.</p>
Official transcripts from <b>all</b> Colleges/Universities previously attended	<p><b>All official</b> college transcripts from previously attended Colleges/Universities <b>must</b> be submitted directly to NSCC and uploaded by Admissions staff. If you have previously submitted transcripts and have since completed courses or are currently registered for courses, then you need to <b>submit an updated transcript</b>. Transcripts may be sent electronically from your college(s) to NSCC at: <a href="mailto:SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu">SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu</a> or mailed to: North Shore Community College, Attn: Admissions/Health Programs, 1 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers, MA 01923</p> <p><u>Students from another accredited Veterinary Technology education program must also provide:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• an official transcript proving enrollment in Veterinary Technology courses within the last 5 years</li><li>• Course syllabi from all previous Veterinary Technology courses.</li></ul> <p>Transcripts may be sent electronically from your college(s) to NSCC at: <a href="mailto:SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu">SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu</a> or mailed to: North Shore Community College, Attn: Admissions/Health Programs, 1 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers, MA 01923</p>

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Essays	<p>Please answer ALL of the following questions. A word-processed questionnaire must be uploaded for the year in which you are applying:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Describe how your life/work experiences and extracurricular, and/or volunteer activities contributed to you choosing to become a Veterinary Technician.</i></li> <li>2. <i>How do you plan to manage your academic commitments and your other life commitments while enrolled in this rigorous program?</i></li> <li>3. <i>As a member of the healthcare team, what is the role of a Veterinary Technician?</i></li> <li>4. <i>Describe a challenging personal or work situation. How did you manage the situation? What did you learn from the situation?</i></li> <li>5. <i>Discuss your prior experiences with math and science courses. Which were your favorites and why?</i></li> </ol>
Letter of Recommendation	<p>Applicants must submit <b>ONE</b> letter of recommendation. This may be an academic or professional letter of recommendation, but cannot be from a family member. You will need to enter the name and email of your reference into your application and a direct link to upload a letter of recommendation will be sent directly to them. <i>(Your application will not be complete and able to be submitted until this has been entered.)</i></p>
Program's Student Handbook	<p>Read the <b>Veterinary Technology Student Handbook</b> in its entirety. This is updated annually for the beginning of every fall semester. This can be accessed in the Library or on the website: <a href="https://www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/files/vet-handbook.pdf">https://www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/files/vet-handbook.pdf</a></p>
Rabies Pre-Exposure Vaccination Requirement	<p>People working within the field of Veterinary Medicine have an increased risk to exposure to Rabies, a virus spread through direct contact with rabid animals, often bite wounds, that is usually fatal once clinical signs of disease develop.</p> <p>The Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series <b><i>DOES NOT</i></b> have to be completed prior to submitting an application to the program. Once a student is <b><u>accepted</u></b>, they are <b><u>required</u></b> by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) to complete the <b>Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series</b>. All documentation for the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series or titers are to be submitted to the <b>Program Director</b>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For students with <u>personal/private health insurance</u>, the vaccination series must be <b>completed and documentation submitted by JULY 2023 (date TBD)</b> prior to starting class in the fall of their first year <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. For students with <u>health insurance through NSCC</u>, the vaccination series must be <b>completed and documentation submitted by OCTOBER 2023 (date TBD)</b> in their first year <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. Students that completed the vaccination series 2 or more years prior to starting in this program must submit <b>documentation for a titer level</b> indicating adequate immunity <b>or</b> the receipt of the original Rabies pre-exposure series consisting of <b>2 vaccines</b> as well as the receipt of a <b>3<sup>rd</sup> pre-exposure Rabies vaccination within 3 years of completing the original series by JULY 2023 (date TBD)</b> prior to starting class in the fall of their first year.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A veterinary technology student who is in contact with patients and is unable to receive the Rabies pre-exposure immunization series by the indicated dates for medical,</li> </ul>

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religious, or special circumstances may request a reasonable accommodation. Requests for reasonable accommodations must include documented evidence of the reason why the student is unable to be vaccinated. Failure to complete the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series may prevent a student from successfully completing the program.

- Information on where to obtain the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series will be available at the Mandatory Orientation (May/June 2023, TBD).

- **For more information on Rabies, visit the following websites:**

<https://www.mass.gov/rabies>

<https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/index.html>

[https://www.who.int/health-topics/rabies#tab=tab\\_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/rabies#tab=tab_1)

- **For more information on the prevalence of Rabies in Massachusetts and the United States, visit the following websites:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/location/usa/surveillance/index.html>

<https://avmajournals.avma.org/view/journals/javma/256/2/javma.256.2.195.xml#>

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/annual-rabies-surveillance-reports>

- **For more information on Rabies pre-exposure vaccinations, as recommended by the CDC, visit the following websites:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/rabies.html>

[https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/prevention/pre-exposure\\_vaccinations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/prevention/pre-exposure_vaccinations.html)

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