

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS - Fall 2025

Priority Application Deadline: **February 14, 2025**

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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 https://www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/mandatory-information-sessions.html Attendance will be recorded to satisfy this requirement.
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: SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu
Math Requirement	Applicants must demonstrate math proficiency and that they meet the NSCC Non-STEM Math Level 3 prerequisite. Non-stem math level 3 will be required for MAT 134. For detailed information regarding this requirement, please see this Math Prerequisites link: Math Prerequisites .This lists the requirements for Non-STEM Math level 3. Students may be enrolled in the prerequisite course at the time of application, but admission remains conditional until a the final grade of C or better is submitted no later than June 30th, prior to the Fall start. On-line courses are accepted.
Biology Requirement	Candidates applying for admission to the Veterinary Technology program for Fall 2025 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. A high school class will meet this requirement as long as the applicant earned a final grade of "C" or better and all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the class had a laboratory component • the student took the class while in high school • the class was completed within 5 years of Fall 2025 (starting term of the program) • the student graduated high school within 5 years of Fall 2025 (starting term of the program) Students may be enrolled in the prerequisite course at the time of application, but admission remains conditional until a final grade of C or better is submitted no later than June 30th, prior to the Fall start. On-line courses are accepted.

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Chemistry Requirement	<p>Candidates applying for admission to the Veterinary Technology program for Fall 2025 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.</p> <p>A high school class will meet this requirement as long as the applicant earned a final grade of "C" or better and all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the class had a laboratory component• the student took the class while in high school• the class was completed within 5 years of Fall 2025 (starting term of the program)• the student graduated high school within 5 years of Fall 2025 (starting term of the program) <p>Students may be enrolled in the prerequisite course at the time of application, but admission remains conditional until a final grade of C or better is submitted no later than June 30th, prior to the Fall start. On-line courses are accepted.</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> <p>□ http://www.northshore.edu/academics/proficiency/communications-proficiency.html</p>
Resume	<p>Submit a resume highlighting your academic, extracurricular, volunteer, and work history.</p>
Official transcripts from all Colleges/ Universities previously attended	<p>All official college transcripts from previously attended Colleges/Universities must 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 submit an updated transcript. Transcripts may be sent electronically from your college(s) to NSCC at: SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu or mailed to: North Shore Community College, Attn: Admissions/Health Programs, 1 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers, MA 01923</p>

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Students from another accredited Veterinary Technology education program must also provide:

- an official transcript proving enrollment in Veterinary Technology courses within the last 5 years
- Course syllabi from all previous Veterinary Technology courses.

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Experience Requirement

Veterinary Technology applicants are required to have a minimum total of twenty (20) hours either working, volunteering, or observing at an applicable animal care. This includes veterinary clinics, hospitals or animal shelters. Applicants must work under the supervision of a DVM/VMD or CVT, as part of the application requirements. Documentation must be submitted as part of the application to the program. This may be completed at one or more facility, but a **separate** form must be used for each site. This documentation form will be provided with the application.

Essays

Please answer ALL of the following questions. A word-processed questionnaire must be uploaded for the year in which you are applying:

1. *Describe how your life/work experiences have contributed to you choosing to become a veterinary technician. Describe the most interesting thing you observed during your Veterinary Technician observation hours.*
2. *How do you plan to manage your academic commitments and your other life commitments while enrolled in this rigorous program?*
3. *As a member of the healthcare team, what is the role of a Veterinary Technician?*
4. *Describe a challenging personal or work situation. How did you manage the situation? What did you learn from the situation?*
5. *Discuss your prior experiences with math and science courses. Which were your favorites and why?*

Letter of Recommendation

Applicants must submit **ONE** 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. *(Your application will not be complete and able to be submitted until this has been entered.)*

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Program's Student Handbook	Read the Veterinary Technology Student Handbook 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: https://www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/files/vet-handbook.pdf
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 DOES NOT have to be completed prior to submitting an application to the program. Once a student is accepted, they are required by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) to complete the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series. All documentation for the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series or titers are to be submitted to the Program Director.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For students with <u>personal/private health insurance</u>, the vaccination series must be completed and documentation submitted by August 2025 (date TBD) prior to starting class in the fall of their first year OR2. For students with <u>health insurance through NSCC</u>, the vaccination series must be completed and documentation submitted by OCTOBER 2025 (date TBD) in their first year OR3. Students that completed the vaccination series 2 or more years prior to starting in this program must submit documentation for a titer level indicating adequate immunity or the receipt of the original Rabies pre-exposure series consisting of 2 vaccines as well as the receipt of a 3rd pre-exposure Rabies vaccination within 3 years of completing the original series by August 2025 (date TBD) prior to starting class in the fall of their first year. Failure to complete the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series may prevent a student from successfully completing the program.

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- Information on where to obtain the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series will be available at the **Mandatory Orientation (May/June 2025, TBD)**.

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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

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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