

Priority Application Deadline: February 13, 2026

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The Application Process Checklist

Initial when complete	Required Documentation
	1. NSCC Application for Admission Complete the 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).
	2. High School Transcript or GED score report Attach 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 can confirm by emailing: SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu
	3. Essay The following word-processed essay written in the English language must be attached for the year in which you are applying. Please answer <u>ALL of the following questions.</u> <i>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.</i> <i>2. How do you plan to manage your academic commitments and your other life commitments while enrolled in this rigorous program?</i> <i>3. As a member of the healthcare team, what is the role of a Veterinary Technician?</i> <i>4. Describe a challenging personal or work situation. How did you manage the situation? What did you learn from the situation?</i> <i>5. Discuss your prior experiences with math and science courses. Which were your favorites and why?</i>
	4. Official transcripts from ALL Colleges/Universities previously attended 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: NSCC Admissions Office 1 Ferncroft Road Danvers, MA 01923
	5. Documentation of Experience Form Veterinary Technology applicants are required to have a minimum total of twenty (20) hours either working, volunteering, or observing at an applicable animal care facility. 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 for admission 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 form must be uploaded to the online Admissions application portal after application is submitted.
	6. Resume Submit a detailed resume including professional experience, volunteer experience, education, and professional organizations that you are a member of. Please include any veterinary experience, if applicable.
	7. Letter of Recommendation Applicants must submit ONE letter of recommendation. It is preferred that the letter be from a professional in the Veterinary field, if available. Letter must be requested through the online Admissions application portal after application is submitted.

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All applicants must 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/vet-handbook-2425.pdf>

The following items must be satisfied and submitted to NSCC
in order for the application to be complete and considered for admission.

Checklist Item	Required Documentation
Mandatory Information Session Attendance	<p>Applicants must attend a Mandatory Information Session prior to submission of your application. Applicants must attend a session during the academic year prior to admission. Monthly information sessions will be held starting after September 4th, and are available by visiting:</p> <p>northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/mandatory-information-sessions.html</p> <p>Attendance will be recorded.</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 attach 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>northshore.edu/academics/proficiency/communications-proficiency.html</p>
Mathematics Proficiency	<p>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: MathPrerequisites .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.</p> <p>northshore.edu/cas/proficiency/math-proficiency.html</p>
Biology Requirement	<p>ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory BIO course with lab component with a "C" or better • NSCC BIO 101 • 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: the class had a laboratory component, the student took the class while in high school, the class was completed within 5 years of Fall 2026 (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.
Chemistry Requirement	<p>ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory CHE course with lab component with a "C" or better • NSCC CHE 101 • 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: the class had a laboratory component, the student took the class while in high school, the class was completed within 5 years of Fall 2026 (starting term of the program), the student graduated high school within 5 years of Fall 2026 (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.

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<p>Rabies Pre-Exposure Vaccination Requirement</p> <p>*Requirement AFTER acceptance to the program, but before classes begin.</p>	<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 personal/private health insurance, the vaccination series must be completed and documentation submitted by August 2026 (date TBD) prior to starting class in the fall of their first year <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. For students with health insurance through NSCC, the vaccination series must be completed and documentation submitted by October 2026 (date TBD) in their first year <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Students that completed the vaccination series two 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 two vaccines as well as the receipt of a 3rd pre-exposure Rabies vaccination within three years of completing the original series by August 2026(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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on where to obtain the Rabies pre-exposure vaccination series will be available at the Mandatory Orientation (May/June 2026, 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 • 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

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Veterinary Technology Transfer Students Requirements ONLY	
Students seeking credit for previously completed courses from an accredited Veterinary Technology Program must provide:	
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	An official transcript proving enrollment in Veterinary Technology courses within the last 5 years
	Course syllabi from all previous Veterinary Technology courses. Additional documents can be emailed to: SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu
	Review all transfer policies on our Website: northshore.edu/academics/programs/vet/policies.html

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Veterinary Technology Verification Hours

Veterinary Technology applicants must submit this form as part of the application requirements to the program for which they are applying. Volunteer, observing or work must be performed under the supervision of a veterinarian (DVM/VMD), or certified veterinary technician (CVT) at any applicable animal care facility. This includes veterinary clinics, hospitals or animal shelters. A total of twenty (20) hours must be completed. The hours may be completed at one or more facilities, but a separate form must be used for each site.

The supervising DVM or CVT must sign off on the hours completed.

Applicant name: _____

Name of Facility: _____

Facility Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Facility Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Number of Hours: _____

Please check: ☐ Observation ☐ Volunteer ☐ Paid Work Experience

Date(s) of volunteer/observation/work experience: _____

Please check any/all areas that the applicant satisfactorily performed, observed, or if subject was discussed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia (induction, maintenance, recovery) | <input type="checkbox"/> Client interaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor surgery (e.g. laceration repair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning (cages, stalls, other) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major surgery (e.g. abdominal surgery) | <input type="checkbox"/> Working hours of LVT/Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental procedures (e.g. cleaning) | <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges/rewards of profession |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specimen sample collection (fecal/urine) | <input type="checkbox"/> Front office procedures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiography | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (emergencies/euthanasia) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing procedures (e.g. patient care) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy (e.g. filling Rx's) |

SIGNATURE OF DVM/CVT

DATE:

PRINTED NAME: