Veterinary Technician (VET.MCC.REC)

Reciprocal Program
Oakland Community College/Macomb Community College

Health Sciences
Restricted

Doctors of Veterinary Medicine are charged with the care and treatment of animals, but with the increasing demands made on their time, veterinarians have come to rely on skilled veterinary technicians to assist them in their work. As part of a professional team, veterinary technicians work under the supervision of the veterinarian in office, hospital, laboratory and zoological settings. They perform a variety of tasks, allowing the veterinarian to concentrate on diagnosis and treatment.

Duties of a veterinary technician include

- Preparing patient, instruments and equipment for surgery,
- Obtaining and recording information about cases,
- Collecting specimens,
- Performing laboratory and medical procedures,
- Dressing wounds,
- Exposing and developing diagnostic radiographs,
- Keeping records,
- Animal care and feeding.

Employment is available in private practice, medical research, humane organizations, pharmaceutical firms, good quality control and meat inspection, veterinary hospitals, zoos, pet stores and grooming parlors.

Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College have established reciprocal arrangements for the Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA), Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) and the Veterinary Technician (VET) programs. Although the specialized courses for the programs are given at Macomb S. Center Campus (Clinton Twp.), students who complete the required specific credit hours at OCC and are Oakland County Residents are eligible to participate in this reciprocal arrangement. This means that upon completion of the courses at OCC and acceptance into the Macomb Community College’s Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA) Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) or Veterinary Technician (VET) program, the student will take all the OTA, PTA or VET courses at MCC and will pay in in-district tuition to Macomb Community College. Graduates of these reciprocal programs earn an associate in applied science degree from Macomb Community College.

After the required credit hours for the student’s chosen program are completed at Oakland Community College, the student should proceed with the application process for completion of this degree through Macomb Community College.

To Apply:
1. Apply to Oakland Community College.
2. Declare VET.MCC.REC as your curriculum.
3. Take the ACCUPLACER Test, all three parts - Reading, Writing and Elementary Algebra, at Macomb Community College. Testing deadline for program entry is February 15th each year. These scores are used by Macomb as part of their selective admissions process. Additionally, for all selective admissions, Macomb Community College requires HESI testing. Please call (586) 445-7423 to schedule a test date.

4. Complete the credit hours required for your program of choice. Students must be currently enrolled in their final term of prerequisite courses or have them completed with grades posted before seeking a referral form from the Health Sciences Program Director/Counseling at the Southfield Campus.
5. Contact the Southfield Campus of Oakland Community College before February 1 if you wish to be considered for admission to Macomb Community College for the following September. For Example: if you wish to be considered for admission to MCC for September/Fall of the next academic year, you must contact the Health Sciences Department at (248) 233-2917 before January 15 of the current academic year for the referral form before applying to MCC.

For further information about preparation for the reciprocal arrangement programs, contact the Oakland Community College Health Sciences Office at Southfield Campus, (248) 233-2917 or a counselor on any OCC campus. For further information specific to any reciprocal program contact: Macomb Community College, Health and Human Services at (586) 286-2097.

Prerequisite courses to be taken at Oakland Community College

Students must complete a minimum of 23-24 credit hours at Oakland Community College which include the following courses:

Program Plan Example - Not Available

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Complete 2 - 3 credits from the following options: 4

| Fine Arts/Humanities or PER 1300 Stress Management: Neuromuscular Relaxation | 2 |
| PER 1590 Physical Well-Being in a Modern Society                          | 2 |

Total Credit Hours 23-24

1 In order to participate in this reciprocal arrangement, the student must be an "in-district" (live in Oakland County) OCC student. OCC students who are not in-district students should apply directly to Macomb Community College if interested in any of the reciprocal programs.
2 ACCUPLACER minimum score requirement: Reading: 70, Writing: 5, Elementary Algebra: 45
3 Please note there is a fee for retesting at MCC.
4 Student must select a minimum of 2 - 3 credit hours in the areas of art, creative writing, drama, foreign language, humanities, literature, music, philosophy, theater arts, PER 1300 or PER 1590.