Dear Applicant:

I would like to thank you for your interest in applying to the Veterinary Technology Program here at Delgado Community College. This packet contains specific information about the Program. Our Program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and offers a two-year full-time curriculum which satisfies the requirements necessary to take the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). There are no part-time seats available in the Program. The courses in the Program are comprised of lecture, laboratory, and off-campus clinical courses. The Program is offered at the Delgado City Park Campus only. Student clinical experience is an important part of the training of excellent veterinary technicians, and is performed at local veterinary facilities.

The deadline for applications to be submitted online is May 1st for the class beginning the Program in August. Applicants for this class must have completed all Required Pre-requisite courses by the end of Spring Semester.

Students are eligible to apply for admission to the Veterinary Technology Program who:

- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Possess a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all college courses, including all colleges attended. Grade reports from Delgado may not reflect this information.
- Have a love of animals and a willingness to work hard.
- Complete 50 hours of clinical observation at a local veterinary clinic (must be completed within the past 2 years and completed at one facility and must be observed by a DVM or RVT (it can be at the same clinic where you are employed but must be within 2 years)
- Have or will have completed the Required Pre-requisite courses for the Program by the end of the Spring Semester. Please note if you are taking a re requisite course in the spring semester of the application deadline and the grades have not posted by the application deadline, please submit a copy of your unofficial transcripts to the Allied Health admission office as soon as grades post so final GPA’s and grades can be included in the application. Failure to do so will delay the selection process and may result in the candidate being required to reapply the following year. An official transcript may be needed before starting the Program to verify grades.
Applicants with College Credits older than 10 years should contact the Allied Health Admissions Office for advising at (504)-671-6201.

Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the Program. Delgado Community College is an open admission college; however, acceptance into the Veterinary Technology Program is by selection only. If any items are missing when the application and other required materials are returned, that application will not be considered in the Selection Process.

Selection Process:

Selection into the Veterinary Technology Program is based on evaluation by the Program Selection Committee of the following criteria for each applicant:

- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in all college courses, including all colleges attended.
- Completion of Required Pre-requisite Courses with a grade of “C” or better.
- Written narrative returned with the application.
- Clinical Experience Form signed by DVM or RVT/LVT/CVT with 50 hours of observation completed
- Attendance at a “Mandatory Candidate Orientation”. All applicants are required to attend the mandatory candidate orientation scheduled in May, typically on the Thursday after graduation in the Veterinary Technology Classroom in building 4 at the City Park campus. Please bring a snack or light lunch and wear professional clothing. Additionally you may wish to bring a pen/pencil and paper. Please check with Dr. Limon after May 1st if you have not received an email.

Program Costs:

Please refer to the Program website for information on costs. Please note a drug test, health form, rabies pre exposure vaccination series, and background check will be required upon acceptance into the Program.

Various financial assistance options are available to students. Information on scholarships, loans and grants may be obtained through the college’s Office of Financial Aid. Their telephone number is: (504)-671-5022.
I look forward to meeting all of you personally at the mandatory Candidate Orientation after the May 1st deadline. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (504)-671-6782, or by email at jlimon@dcc.edu.

Sincerely,

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