

McLennan Community College

Veterinary Technology & Veterinary Assistant Program

Technical Standards

The field of Veterinary Technology is both physically and intellectually challenging. The abilities and skills that students must possess to complete the Veterinary Technology or Veterinary Assistant program at McLennan Community College are referred to as Technical Standards. The Technical Standards are a group of minimal physical and cognitive abilities that confirm that the student is able to complete the course of study, participate fully in all aspects of training, and be employable as an entry-level practitioner, with or without reasonable accommodation.

The McLennan Veterinary Technology program has an ethical responsibility for the safety of the animals with who students will come in contact, and to the public to assure that students can become fully competent as Veterinary Technologists and Assistants. It is important that students admitted to the program possess the necessary intelligence, integrity, compassion for animals, concern for people, and the physical and emotional capacity necessary to practice veterinary technology and assistant skills. All students must verify that they meet the Technical Standards immediately prior to entering the program and maintain them throughout the program. Students are obligated to notify the program director if they experience any change in their ability to fulfill the Technical Standards.

The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ensure that qualified applicants have the ability to pursue program admission. However, all students must meet the essential skills and technical standards to perform functions required of the Veterinary Technology/Assistant program and profession. Every student will be held to the same standards with or without reasonable accommodations.

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

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Veterinary Technology /Assistant Technical Standards		
O = Occasionally; F = Frequently; C = Constantly		
Lift:	Up to 55 pounds to assist moving patients	F
Stoop:	Adjust equipment perform patient care,	F
Kneel:	Perform CPR, patient care	O
Crouch:	Locate & plug in electrical equipment	C
Reach:	5 ½ feet above the floor to move animals to upper level cages	C
Handle:	Small & large equipment for storing, retrieving, moving	C
Grasp:	Syringes, laryngoscope, endotracheal tubes	C
Stand:	For prolonged periods of time (e.g. to deliver therapy, check equipment)	C
Feel:	Palpate pulses, access veins, skin temperature	C
Push/pull:	Large, wheeled equipment (e.g. mechanical ventilators, anesthesia machines)	C
Walk:	For extended periods of time, for all areas in & around an animal care facility	F
Manipulate:	Knobs, dials associated with diagnostic/therapeutic devices, patients in relation to positioning	C
Hear:	Verbal directions, client communication	F

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	Gas flow through equipment, alarms, stethoscope sounds, patient vocalization/origin of sound	C
See:	Patient skin & mucous membrane color, attitude, body structures and fluids	F
	Mist flowing through tubing, shapes and forms associated with radiographs and other modalities of imaging	F
Talk:	Communicate goals & procedures to colleagues & clients in English	C
Read:	Typed, handwritten, computer information in English	C

Behavioral & Social Standards	
Prioritize multiple tasks.	C
Exhibit social skills necessary to interact effectively with patients, clients, supervisors & coworkers of the same or different cultures. E.g. respect, politeness, tact, collaboration.	C
Maintain personal hygiene consistent with close personal contact associated with patient care.	C
Display attitudes/actions consistent with ethical standards of the professions.	C
Function safely, effectively, and calmly under stressful situations.	F
Maintain composure while managing multiple tasks simultaneously.	F