

Vermont Tech
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Randolph Center, VT 05061

To: Incoming Veterinary Technology Freshman

From: Veterinary Technology Program

Re: **Required items**

The Veterinary Technology program looks forward to your arrival for the fall semester. In preparation for your classes and labs, the following items are required (Most of the listed items can be purchased at a farm/feed store or online, except YOUR vaccines).

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1. Stethoscope: Flathead or dualhead are fine. You do not need the most expensive while a student.
2. Black rubber boots, minimum 10" high, pullover type and *NO* laces. Any color!
3. Blue long sleeve coveralls
4. White lab coat. Long sleeves, long (thigh/knee) length (not waist/hip length)
5. Thermometer - digital
6. Tetanus vaccination
7. Human rabies Prophylaxis Vaccine
8. Name tag for coveralls, lab coat (one removable tag would be sufficient)
9. Wristwatch with a second hand or digital readout for taking vital signs.
10. Scrub top for first year labs, full scrub suit for second year surgical lab.

It is required that you receive a human *prophylactic* rabies vaccine. The cost to an individual for the vaccine series varies, so it is suggested you contact your doctor and/or insurance company as soon as possible. The cost is typically \$300+ per shot, if your insurance doesn't cover it, and three shots are needed. Dr. Stephanie Dorosko, Veterinary Technology Program Director, is happy to provide a letter for you to give to your insurance company if needed. The Veterinary Technology student handbook contains more information about the rabies vaccine and other program policies.

It is also suggested that you make financial allowances for your 300-hour summer externship between program year 1 and 2, since it falls outside the regular academic year and you may not be financially compensated at your chosen site.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (802) 728-1281 and we will try to assist you.