

Veterinary Healthcare Associates

Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose

In alignment with VHA's core values of Empowerment and Excellence, the CVT Scholarship helps grow veterinary professionals within our hospital, our organization, and our local community. This investment strengthens patient care, supports career advancement, and contributes to the broader veterinary community.

Program Overview

- Partnered with St. Petersburg College (AVMA-accredited).
- Four semesters of coursework plus general education requirements.
- Each student is assigned a hospital preceptor for support and mentorship.
- 1–3 scholarships awarded every 6 months.

Financial Support

VHA covers:

- 100% of tuition for veterinary technology courses
- One VTNE attempt
- Required drug screen & background check

Team member covers:

- Prerequisite general education courses
- Application fees
- Textbooks
- Medical requirements (physical exam, vaccinations)
- Any additional fees, technology or equipment required to complete course requirements

Academic Standards

- Must maintain a grade of C (70%) or higher in each class.
- Students falling below may continue at their own expense for one semester and reapply once improved.
- A second failure to maintain academic standards will require students to continue at their own expense.
- This program replaces all other VHA CE benefits while enrolled.

Eligibility



- Employed at VHA for 24 continuous months
- No disciplinary action or cultural violations within 90 days of application deadline
- Completed prerequisites and meet St. Petersburg College admission requirements

Commitment

Recipients agree to:

- Remain employed for 6 months per completed semester, minimum of 24 months post-graduation
- Maintain VHA performance metrics & cultural agreements
- Sign a commitment contract and agree to participation in VHA marketing

Selection & Notification

- Application deadlines: Fall – April 30 | Spring – October 15
- Qualified applicants complete a formal interview with the Leadership Team
- Recipients announced:
 - Fall – June Quarterly Meeting
 - Spring – December Holiday Party

Veterinary Healthcare Associates reserves the right to modify or discontinue this program at any time.