

NOVA Veterinary Technology Program Admissions Checklist 2026

The application process will be completed online and will open April 15th and close May 18th. Please read the [Application Requirements](#) section on the Veterinary Technology website for more information on submission guidelines. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Before applying to the Vet Tech Program:

- Make sure you are at least 18 years of age or older at the time of application.
- Have your prior coursework officially evaluated by NOVA.
 - Send official documents (i.e., transcripts, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) original test scores) to the [College Records Office](#).
 - Submit a [Transfer Credit Evaluation Request \(Form 125-049E\)](#).
- Verify that your Student Information System (SIS) shows the following:
 - A minimum cumulative college level GPA of 2.0 or higher.
 - Completion of the following courses with a grade of “C” or higher:
 - SDV101 Orientation to Veterinary Technology or SDV elective
 - ENG111 College Composition I
 - CHM101 Introductory Chemistry or CHM111 General Chemistry
 - MTH133 Mathematics for Health Professionals
 - VET111 Anatomy and Physiology of Domestic Animals
- Secure employment at a veterinary clinic and have a DVM or LVT mentor.
 - Read through the [NOVA Vet Tech Mentor/Student Commitments](#) with your mentor(s).

To apply, submit the following materials through the [Veterinary Technology Program online application](#):

- Upload a letter of intent (single-spaced, 12-pt font, max. 2 pages)
 - New applicants
 - Describe how your personal background and experiences (including coursework, work history, life skills, etc.) have led to your interest in becoming a professional Licensed Veterinary Technician.
 - Reapplicants
 - Write an essay explaining why you believe that you are ready to return to the Program, including the following:
 - The date and reason(s) you withdrew
 - How you and/or your circumstances have changed
 - Specific actions you have taken to ensure success moving forward.
 - Any personal goals that will help you achieve success in your academic career at NOVA
- Upload a current resume (max. 2 pages)
- Upload the following forms completed by your mentor:
 - [Clinical Externship Affiliation Agreement](#)
 - [Mentor/Student Acknowledgement Form](#)
- Upload all unofficial college transcripts.

I acknowledge, by submitting this application package to the NOVA Veterinary Technology Program, that if accepted, I will be required to:

- Obtain a complete set of rabies vaccinations or provide proof of current rabies titer
- Prepare for projected program costs, including tuition, parking, books, etc.
- Attend the mandatory Veterinary Technology New Student Orientation (NSO) session at the Loudoun Campus in August
- Adhere to the program's expectations and policies outlined in the Veterinary Technology Student Handbook
- Maintain employment at a veterinary clinic with a veterinarian and/or LVT mentor for the duration of the program
 - Full-Time Program: Requires students to work in the field an average of 10 hours per week or 150 hours per semester.
 - Part-Time Program: Requires students to work in the field an average of 20 hours per week or 300 hours per semester.
- Achieve a "C" or higher in all VET coursework while upholding the integrity of NOVA and the Veterinary Technology Program to remain enrolled in the Program
- Complete the required skills on the [American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\) Essential Skills List](#) to graduate
- Attend any mandatory in-person activities associated with each semester's courses, which could include:
 - Labs
 - Field trips
 - Patient clinical care rotation shifts
 - Program events (i.e., the Fall Networking Event and the Spring Open House)