



**Veterinary Technology Program
Canton, MA**

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM STUDENTS

Technical Standards for the Veterinary Technology Program at Massasoit Community College are abilities and skills which students must possess in order to successfully complete the training associated with this Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program. These technical standards describe the non-academic competencies required for entrance into and successful completion of this program, and as outlined in the accreditation requirements established by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Candidates must be able to meet these minimum standards with or without reasonable accommodation.

Physical Standards – Strength and mobility sufficient to perform patient care activities
Lift up to 50 pounds
Stoop
Kneel
Crouch
Reach
Grasp
Push / Pull
Stand / Walk for extended periods of time
Sensory Skills and Observation – Functional use of senses for patient assessment
Feel
Hear
See
Communication – Interactions with college personnel, peers, staff, and clients
Talk
Read
Write
Exhibit social skills necessary to interact effectively with patients, clients, supervisors, and co-workers of the same or different cultures such as respect, politeness, tact, collaboration, teamwork, discretion
Cognitive Ability & Behavioral Attributes – Critical thinking and decision making skills
Function safely, calmly, and effectively under stressful situations
Maintain composure while managing multiple tasks simultaneously
Display attitudes/actions consistent with the ethical standards of the profession

Students must verify that they meet these technical standards prior to entrance into the program and must maintain them throughout their training. Students are obligated to notify the Veterinary Technology Program administration of any change in their ability to fulfill these technical standards.

Reasonable Disability Accommodations

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a disability as a substantial limitation of a major life function. A temporary medical condition does not qualify as a disability and is not covered under the ADA of 1990 or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act because the extent, duration, and impact of the condition are not permanent. Accommodations may not provide an unfair advantage to the students, fundamentally alter the nature and substance of the curriculum, present an undue hardship for the institution, pose a direct threat to the safety of patients, or compromise the academic integrity of the program. Students receiving accommodations should be aware that these may not be available from a prospective employer and potential employers may not be amenable to use of accommodations that result in undue hardship to the employer. Veterinary practices with small numbers of employees may be exempt from the requirements of the ADA.

Request for reasonable accommodations must be initiated by the student. If you are a qualified individual with a disability who seeks reasonable accommodation(s), you must contact the Office of Disability Services for determination of eligibility for such accommodation(s). Students may be required to re-submit documentation each semester to allow for review of continuing eligibility for accommodations.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the Technical Standards/Essential Functions as outlined above.

Prospective Student Signature

Date

Print - Prospective Student Full Name