



DEVTP

CVC/AAHA Distance Education
Veterinary Technology Program

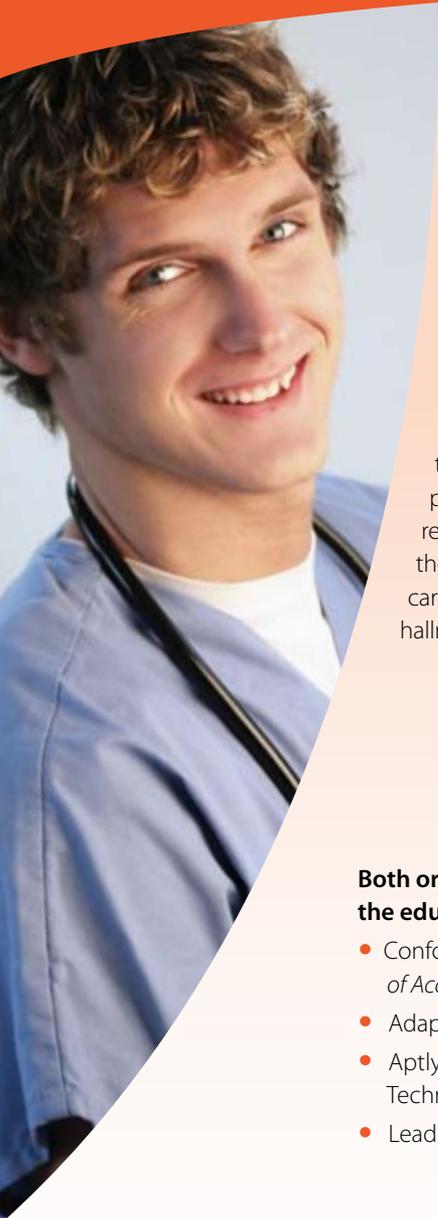
*Advancing professionals and practices
for more than a decade*



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About AAHA and CVC



The Distance Education Veterinary Technology Program (DEVTP) started more than ten years ago as a joint effort by Cedar Valley College and the American Animal Hospital Association. As part of the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD), Cedar Valley College (CVC) opened in 1977 and has offered a campus-based, AVMA-accredited veterinary technician program since 1978.

Established in 1933, the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) is an international association of veterinary companion animal care providers. It is the only organization that accredits veterinary hospitals in the U.S. and Canada. AAHA has established a reputation for excellence in continuing education with the goal of helping provide the best possible clinical care and effectively manage their practices. DEVTP is the hallmark of our veterinary technician-specific programs.



Both organizations are responsible for ensuring that the education provided through DEVTP:

- Conforms to AVMA requirements and *AAHA Standards of Accreditation*
- Adapts to meet the changing needs of students
- Aptly prepares students for the Veterinary Technician National Examination
- Leads to an associate's degree in veterinary technology

The *why* behind the *how*

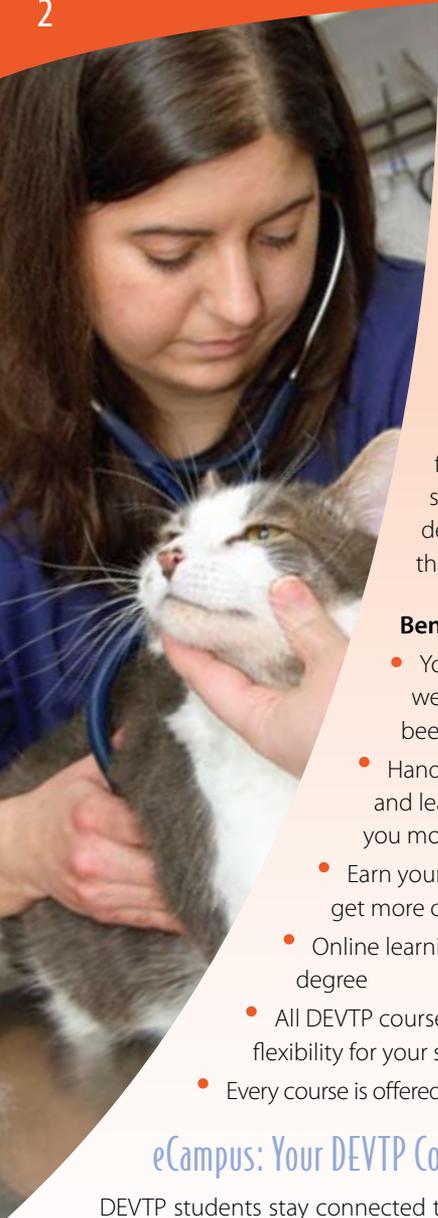
Distance learning is today's solution to the conflicting needs of balancing personal goals with improving professional standing. DEVTP became accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in 2001 and is one of a few fully accredited distance veterinary technology education programs to receive this distinction. The accreditation process ensures standards for a sound scientific curriculum, financial standing of the institution, accreditation of the institution by higher education agencies, ethics, physical facilities and equipment, adequate library facilities, and faculty are met.

DEVTP includes:

- Core content focusing on pharmacy and pharmacology, surgical preparation and assistance, animal nursing, radiology and ultrasound, and laboratory and examination procedures, that leads to an associate's degree in veterinary technology
- Multimedia courses that combine textbooks, videos, Internet assignments and in-clinic exercises to deliver challenging, hands-on education
- Flexible scheduling designed specifically for working adults — no commuting or altering work and family life to accommodate class schedules
- Optimal student-teacher contact — professors are available via phone or email for questions and support
- Specialized general education requirements with courses such as speech and math that are designed to apply to the world of veterinary medicine

DEVTP is the only AVMA-accredited, AAHA-recommended veterinary technology program available!





Become more valuable to your practice and further your career.

You know how to do what is expected of you as a veterinary assistant at your practice. Have you ever wondered why the tasks and procedures you perform daily are critical to your well-being, your colleagues' and your patients'? Attend DEVTP to learn the "why" behind the "how".

DEVTP helps you fulfill personal goals and advance your career while still working. The online flexibility of the program allows you to increase your skills, earn valuable credentials, including a college degree, and gain the respect you deserve with classes that fit into your busy schedule.

Benefits:

- You can feel comfortable with the credibility of this well-established, AVMA-accredited program that's been around for more than a decade
- Hands-on learning means you retain information better and leave the program as experienced graduates, making you more valuable sooner
- Earn your associate's degree — increase your income and get more opportunities and recognition as an employee
- Online learning allows you to work full-time while earning your degree
- All DEVTP courses are offered every semester to provide maximum flexibility for your schedule
- Every course is offered three times per year — in the fall, spring and summer

eCampus: Your DEVTP Connection

DEVTP students stay connected through our innovative eCampus, which allows you to communicate with instructors through a user-friendly website. All students are given free access to eCampus, which includes:

- **Your own private and secure webpage**
- **The ability to check your grades online**
- **Access to the student association**

Invest in your people. Invest in your future.

Take your team to the next level with this AVMA-accredited program that offers a unique e-learning experience. Give your staff the chance to earn an associate's degree from the comfort of their own home and your practice. Empower your staff while improving your practice!

DEVTP allows you to offer your staff a benefit that benefits you — the opportunity to grow themselves personally and professionally, while becoming more valuable to your practice. Having trained technicians at the practice allows doctors to delegate more responsibilities, freeing up their time and increasing practice productivity and profitability.

Your staff knows how to perform the tasks expected of them, but you can make their work more meaningful and have more confidence in their performance. Let DEVTP provide a deeper understanding of why we do things the way we do, where the latest developments in veterinary medicine are coming from and what they mean to your practice.

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- Inspire loyalty and reduce turnover by offering this growth opportunity to your team
- Trained technicians are able to take tasks off the doctor's hands, freeing up their time and increasing practice productivity and profitability
- Improving your team means improving your practice and the quality of care you provide
- Hands-on learning produces higher quality, more experienced graduates that can add value to your practice sooner than later
- The online format caters to flexibility, meaning that your staff can continue to work for you while earning their associate's degree.





I enrolled in the DEVTP program because it is very convenient for me. I can work full time at the animal hospital and do school at the same time. With the DEVTP program, there is a lot of hands-on learning, and you're able to experience the working environment at the same time.

As a current student, I have benefited a lot from the program already. I have learned so much and my confidence, personality and skills have grown a great deal. The DEVTP assignments get you right to the point of learning the subject; there is never a dull moment. Among other things, I now know how to place catheters, monitor surgery, draw blood, take x-rays and help with appointments.

Before I started the online program, I wondered how beneficial it was going to be because it was on-line. Skeptics said that it would be harder to study and hard to concentrate. I was very nervous about that, but once I started the program, I realized how fun it is and how much I was learning on-site vs. sitting in a class room. I love it and wouldn't do it any other way.

I have learned a lot by using the computer, learning inventory and using all the machines around the clinic. My assignments have taught me a lot by using the microscope on-site and being able to actually look at things rather than just using a picture from a book. The relationship between my preceptor and I is great because he is willing to help me learn, teaches me different techniques and enjoys helping me with all my assignments. It's fun learning while working.

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The DEVTP program is definitely an opportunity future veterinary technicians should take. You not only learn from your books, but you also have the advantage to experience the real-world of veterinary medicine. I can see my future improving as a result of DEVTP because I have more confidence talking to people.

Sarah Reynolds, 2009 DEVTP student

The benefit of being a preceptor is mostly personal, although having an extra hand around really helps as well. By personal, I mean that, for me, I really enjoy passing on knowledge that I have gained through the years. It is fun to instruct others in hopes of making them better in their future careers.

I know that Sarah is learning a lot of things that you cannot learn from the books: customer care, patient care, phone manners, client relationships and more. Although I know she is learning about veterinary medicine as well, these other attributes are important in a hospital.

I expect her to have the skills to function as a full-time technician at any hospital and the confidence and ability to think on her feet upon completion of the program. Just having the experience of being in a hospital makes a technician ready for the job they will be involved in right after graduation.

“Sarah’s graduation from DEVTP will mean that I will have a staff member who is already trained and ready to go.”

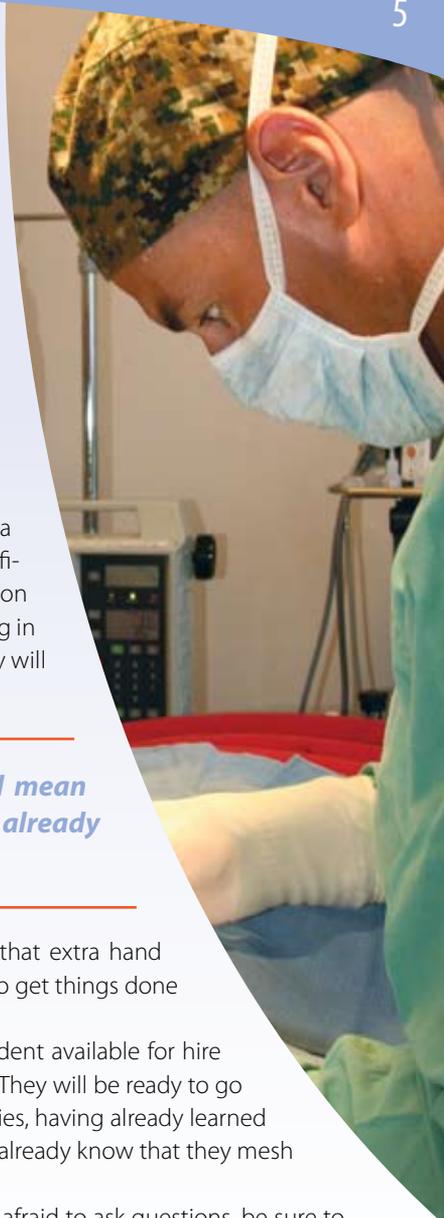
While she’s still a student, sometimes to have that extra hand when we really get busy is a godsend. It allows us to get things done that we may not have been able to do otherwise.

The advantage of DEVTP is that you have a student available for hire who is already trained at the end of the internship. They will be ready to go into your hospital with a knowledge of all the policies, having already learned the idiosyncrasies of your practice. You should also already know that they mesh with the current staff and culture.

I offer this advice to future preceptors: Don’t be afraid to ask questions, be sure to make the experience fun for the student, and make sure they are part of all the going’s on at the hospital, including lunch and learns, staff meetings, CE, etc.

Michael Georgiades, DVM

Sarah Reynold’s Preceptor, Just For Paws Veterinary Hospital





Course Materials

Courses require textbooks, videos and other references that can be purchased separately. Students are responsible for ordering their own course materials. A current materials list can be found at www.devtp.org. Students are required to have access to a computer, printer, scanner, email and internet throughout the entire semester.

Course Assignments

Assignments in our distance learning program will take a variety of forms, such as:

- Reading selected chapters in the text and taking a written test
- Viewing a video and completing a video-based assignment
- Practicing skills and having a senior staff member (preceptor) confirm proficiency by observing and signing a skills checklist
- Writing assignments — multiple choice, true/false, short answer and essay questions
- Internet-based assignments
- Making a videotape of performing a skill or task and then submitting it for evaluation by DEVTP staff
- Submitting work products, such as radiographs, for evaluation by DEVTP staff

Preceptors

Each hospital with a student in Levels 2 – 4 of the program is required to provide a designated preceptor who acts as an in-house mentor to assist, tutor and provide feedback to the student. Preceptors must be veterinarians, graduates of an AVMA-accredited program of veterinary technology, or credentialed technicians designated as RVT, LVT or CVT. Preceptors spend one to two hours per week assisting DEVTP students with course work.

For complete course descriptions and detailed requirements, please visit www.devtp.org.

Courses

Level 1, 2 & 3	Level 4
General Hospital and Clinic Information	Advanced Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology
Examination Procedures and Clinical Techniques	Food Animal Clinical Management
Pharmacy and Pharmacology	Equine Clinical Management
Surgical Preparation and Assistance	Lab Animal Clinical Management
Animal Nursing	Large Animal Assisting Techniques
Laboratory Procedures	Cooperative Work Experience
Radiology and Ultrasound	

General Education Requirements

Additional general education requirements in English, math, speech and communication, biology, Fine Arts or humanities, and social or behavioral sciences are also required for the associate's degree. See www.dcccd.edu for course descriptions and details.



Kelly Black, DVM

Dr. Black began working in Cedar Valley's campus-based veterinary technician program in 2004 and has served as the director of its distance-education program since July 2007. Prior to joining Cedar Valley College, he worked in private veterinary practice for small and exotic animals in the North Dallas area for six years. He was named to *DMagazine's* list of "Best Vets" in Dallas-Fort Worth in 2004.

Dr. Black earned his DVM degree and bachelor's degree in animal science from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA), the Dallas County Veterinary Medical Association (DCVMA), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice and AAHA.



Charles Wolf, RVT, CMRT

Charles Wolf began teaching at Cedar Valley in 1999. He holds an associate's degree in animal health technology from Sul Ross State University. He also earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and master's degree in teaching agriculture with a business minor, both from Tarleton State University.

A certified medical radiological technologist (CMRT), he teaches all the Level 4 courses in DEVTP as well as many others at Cedar Valley, including hematology, radiology, clinical pathology, introduction to veterinary technology, anatomy and physiology, medical terminology and parasitology. He is a member of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA), the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and the Association of American Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE).





“We value education in our practice and DEVTP gives us a chance to offer education to employees who otherwise wouldn’t be working toward a degree. It improves our practice. It improves our quality of care. It improves our team.”

— Virginia Hills,
Practice Manager
Day Hollow Animal Hospital
Owego, NY

Important Dates

Fall Semester 2009 Dates	
Open Enrollment	July 13 – August 14, 2009
Late Enrollment	August 15 – August 28, 2009
Enrollment Closes*	August 28, 2009
Fall Semester Classes	September 8 – December 1, 2009
General Education Classes	August 24 – December 10, 2009

Spring Semester 2010 Dates	
Open Enrollment	November 23 – December 18, 2009
Late Enrollment	December 19 – December 31, 2009
Enrollment Closes*	December 31, 2009
Spring Semester Classes	January 11 – April 5, 2010
General Education Classes	January 19 – May 13, 2010

Summer Semester 2010 Dates	
Open Enrollment	March 27 – April 18, 2010
Late Enrollment	April 19 – May 3, 2010
Enrollment Closes*	May 3, 2010
Summer Semester Classes	May 17 – August 9, 2010
General Education Classes	June 7 – July 8, 2010 or July 13 – August 12, 2010

*Note: After enrollment closes, you will have to wait until the next semester to enroll in courses. General education courses and additional veterinary technology courses follow the established academic calendar for the Dallas County Community College District. Visit the DCCCD website for the calendar information and further details.

Enrolling

You will first need to obtain a student identification number by applying online at www.devtp.org; then you can register for your first course by calling the AAHA Member Service Center at 800/883-6301. You will be emailed admission materials, which must be completed and submitted prior to your start in the course.

After registering, students must check their email daily for registration information required by Cedar Valley College. Plan to enroll at least one month before courses start to allow time for completing and processing documents. This will also allow you time to purchase and receive the books and materials required to complete your assignments.

Registration and payment are made through AAHA for all Level 1, 2 and 3 courses, and through Cedar Valley College for Level 4 and general education courses.

Please visit www.devtp.org for the most current information on policies and fees.

Tuition: Current tuition is \$319 per course for AAHA members and \$389 for nonmembers. For only \$50 per year, students can join AAHA as a veterinary support staff member to receive the AAHA member rate! Please contact AAHA's Member Service Center for more information at 800/883-6301.

Late enrollment fees: A \$20 late enrollment fee per course will be assessed when you enroll during the late enrollment period.

Tuition payment: Payment for all courses must be received upon registration.

Refund policy: Verbal withdrawal notification must be received by AAHA (800/883-6301) for Levels 1-3 courses and written withdrawal notification must be received by CVC for Level 4 courses, prior to the first day of class for a full refund of enrollment fees. Withdrawal notification must be received to AAHA or CVC accordingly within one week after the course start-date for a 70% refund, and within three weeks after the course start-date for a 25% refund. No refund will be issued for withdrawal requests received 22 or more days after the course start date. Students withdrawing prior to the third week of class will receive a grade of W.

Financial Aid: Federal financial aid is available for general education classes and Level 4 courses. Please contact CVC for financial aid information. Scholarships are also available to veterinary technology students through The American Kennel Club (AKC) and the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA). Contact the AKC, www.akc.org and/or NAVTA, www.navta.net directly for scholarship information.

Non-certified loans, those that the school is not associated with, are accepted as well. For additional information, please visit www.devtp.org.





DEVTP Website

www.devtp.org

Academic Advising

Contact Cedar Valley College

Phone: 877/353-3482

Email: DEVTP3505@dcccd.edu

Registration/Add/Drop/Change

Level 1, 2 and 3 Courses

AAHA Member Service Center, 800/883-6301 or

msc@aaahanet.org

Level 4 and General Education Courses

For more withdrawal/registration information,
please see the DEVTP website at www.devtp.org

Material Orders

AAHA (AAHA Press-published materials only)

800/883-6301 or the AAHA Store online

at press.aaahanet.org.

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972/860-2900 or go online to see the link at

www.devtp.org.



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