Veterinary Technology

Science-Medicine-Animals

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Introduction

Hello, my name is Jenny Kirchler and I am the program advisor and student resource specialist for Portland Community College's Veterinary Technology Program. I have worked in academic advising and student services at Rock Creek Campus for over 10 years.

Hello, my name is Alisa Leeper and I am a certified veterinary technician (CVT) and Instructional Support Tech for the Veterinary Technology Program. I have worked in the veterinary field for over 17 years and graduated from Portland Community College to become a CVT in 2008. Since getting my degree I have worked as a veterinary orthopedic surgery technician, a supervisor in the large animal hospital at Oregon State University, and am now in my ultimate dream job working for this program!

Veterinary Technician VS. Veterinarian

Veterinary Technician (CVT, LVT, RVT)

▶ Nurse

▶ Laboratory technician

▶ Dental Technician

▶ Radiology/ultrasound technician

▶ Surgical Nurse

▶ Emergency/critical care

▶ Research

▶ More

Veterinarian (DVM)

▶ Doctor

▶ Diagnose

▶ Surgery

▶ Prescribe

▶ Veterinary Technicians work under the supervision of Veterinarians

Education

Veterinary Technician

- Two-year degree at Portland Community College
  - $12,000.00
- Can go on to become a Veterinarian
- Pay: $32,000-48,000 (starting)
- Can go on to specialize

Veterinarian

- Four years of undergraduate studies
- Four years of Veterinary School
  - Overall $150,000.00-300,000
  - average debt (2019): $165,000
- Pay: $65,000-90,000 (starting)
- Can go on to specialize

Specialties for Veterinary Technicians

- ▶ Anesthesia
- ▶ Surgical
- ▶ Internal Medicine
- ▶ Dental
- ▶ Emergency and Critical Care
- ▶ Behavior
- ▶ Zoo
- ▶ Equine
- ▶ Clinical Practice
- ▶ Nutrition

Veterinary Technology Program pre-requisites

▶ Medical Terminology MP111

▶ General Chemistry 151

▶ Intermediate College Algebra Math 95

▶ Cell Biology 112

▶ English Composition Writing 121

▶ Forty hours of observation in a Veterinary Facility

▶ Letter of Recommendation from DVM or CVT

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How to enroll: pcc.edu/enroll
Apply to PCC: pcc.edu/apply
Explore your options: pcc.edu/programs
Questions? admissions@pcc.edu

What is the job of a Veterinary Technician?

Nurse

Wildlife Technician/Nurse

Anesthesia for routine care   Anesthesia for Illness/Injury

Hands-on, in-the-field examples of what current Vet Tech students are learning in the program.

SCRUBBING INTO SURGERY

SURGICAL NURSING

Dentistry

Prophy Pros

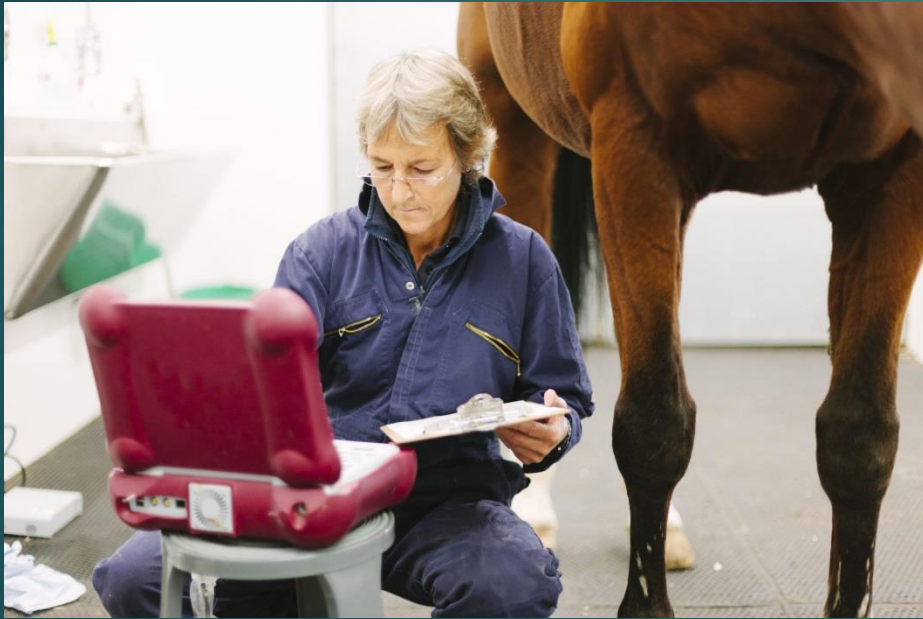Dog's Teeth Before Dental Cleaning

Dog's Teeth After Dental Cleaning

Anesthesia

Equine

Exams and medical records

Medical procedures

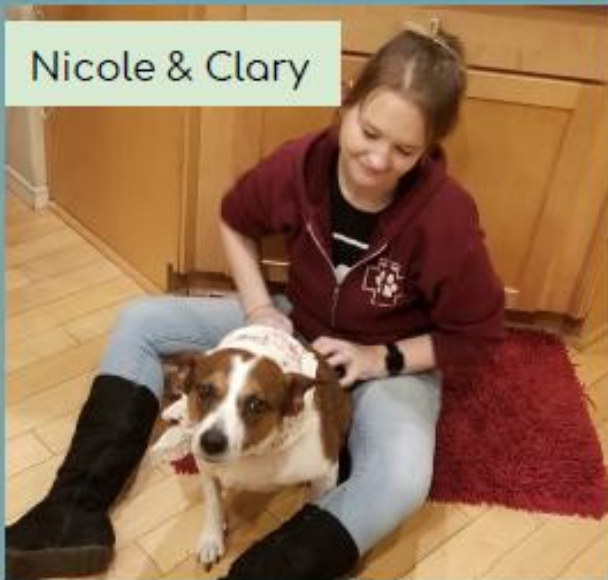# Radiography

Tailor & Delilah

They say you can't graduate tech school without adopting an animal...

Mikayla & Begonia

Nicole & Clary

Jenn & Garfield

Mikayla & Lexi

Lamb cuddling- an important form of therapy in vet tech school!

Pups of PCC

Farm Friends

Teamwork makes the dream work

Are you ready to get started?

- The PCC Vet Tech program is a very well known and respected program for over 35+ years. One of 2 Vet Tech programs in Oregon.

- Full working farm with large and small animals students can work on.

- Amazing faculty and staff to teach, guide and mentor students going into veterinary medicine.

- Most students already have a job or get 4-5 job offers before graduating

- Somewhat competitive, 30-32 spots with an annual application pool of 60-70 applicants

- Contact: Dr. Ragan Borzcik – Dept Chair, Faculty and DVM, ragan.borzcik@pcc.edu

- Jenny Kirchler – Program Advisor, jenny.kirchler@pcc.edu, 971-722-7288

Preview Days!

Virtual Preview Day for High School Students

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Are you a high school student thinking about going to Portland Community College? Would you like to learn more about PCC's excellent academic programs? Do you have questions about how to fulfill your college goals? Then PCC Preview Day is the event for you!
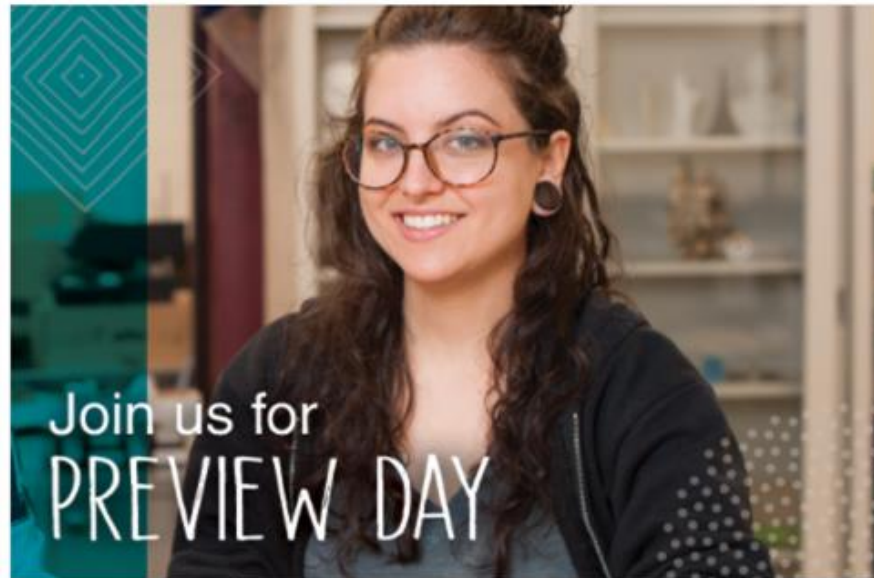
Portland Community College will be hosting a virtual event for high school students to participate in a brief introduction to our programs and services. During Preview Day, you will:

- Get valuable information on how to prepare to attend PCC
- Hear about programs, degrees, and certificates
- Spend time interacting with PCC faculty and staff
- Learn about financial aid and other scholarship opportunities

Join us for
PREVIEW DAY

Preview Day schedule

- January 13, 10:30am - 12pm
- February 17, 10:30am - 12pm

RSVP required - sign up today!

Breakout Information Sessions

- **Paying For College:** This session will focus on financial aid and other scholarship opportunities at PCC.
- **Academic Options:** Learn about some of the different university transfer and career technical degree options PCC offers in the following categories:

Future You 2 Go

▶ **Career Presenter Contact Information**

▶ **Ragan Borzcik, DVM & Program Dept Chair, ragan.borzcik@pcc.edu**

▶ **Jenny Kirchler, Program Advisor, jenny.kirchler@pcc.edu**

▶ **Alisa Leeper, CVT & Instructional Support Tech, alisa.leeper@pcc.edu**

Student Evaluation

bit.ly/VCL-Eval

**For information about upcoming Future You 2 Go events
go to our College & Career Readiness Calendar:
https://bit.ly/Calendar2Go**