



Veterinary Technician Program

Career Exploration Form

To ensure that students gain a complete understanding of the Veterinary Technician profession, there is a mandatory observation period of at least **20 hours of shadowing** at a veterinary clinic. Attendance must be verified by the Veterinarian’s signature below. ** If you are currently employed at a Veterinary practice, you must have the Veterinarian sign below, indicating that you are an employee.

Due to COVID-19, students who cannot complete 20 hours of shadowing can watch a video on Veterinary Technician job responsibilities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHuStDPc2pM>

Applicant’s observation hours must have been completed within the past year. Additionally, current observation hours are only valid for this year’s application and may not be used again for future applications. This form, and your answers to the questions below, must be uploaded to your Admissions application portal by March 15. NOTE: This document can be uploaded one time only. Once uploaded to your application, it can’t be replaced with another.

Student’s Name: _____ Northampton Community College ID # _____

Veterinary Shadow Site: _____ Veterinarian’s Phone#: _____

**If applicant is an employee at a veterinary practice, indicate the amount of time that the student has been employed there and a brief description of current duties: _____

Date of Attendance: _____ Number of Hours: _____

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Signature of Veterinarian: _____ Date: _____

Applicants: Please answer the following questions on a separate page.

1. What did you learn about what veterinary nurses do (or about veterinary nursing in general) during your shadowing experience? What are the functions of the veterinary nurse in a clinic?
2. Go to the following professional veterinary nursing websites: www.navta.net and <http://www.avma.org>. List the areas in which veterinary nurses may specialize. What did you learn from these websites?
3. Which experiences have helped better prepare you for this profession?
4. In addition to specific “hands on” skills, what qualities do veterinary nurses need in order to be successful in the field? (List at least 6 and describe.)