

Animal Health Technology

FALL 2018 ADMISSION INFORMATION

The Faculty of Science at TRU offers a 2 year Animal Health Technology (AHT) diploma program.

Intake Dates: Fall (September) semester only

Admission Requirements

Academic Requirements

- Grade 12 or equivalent
- English 12/English 12 First Peoples or equivalent, C+ minimum grade
- Foundations of Math 11 or equivalent, C+ minimum grade
- Biology 11 or equivalent, C+ minimum grade
- Chemistry 11 or equivalent, C+ minimum grade
- Biology 12, Chemistry 12 or Physics 12 or equivalent, C+ minimum grade, Biology 12 is recommended

General Requirements

- Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residence status
- Questionnaire (form)
- 80 hours orientation at a veterinary facility (working or volunteering or observing) (form)
- Three confidential reference forms (submitted directly from the referee), one from each of the following areas:
 - 1) Veterinarian orientation site
 - 2) Other animal related (non-vet related)
 - 3) Any non-animal work/volunteer experience
- Attendance at a program orientation session (upon invitation)

For assistance in developing your academic plan to meet this program's requirements, you may want to contact Academic Advising at advising@tru.ca or 250-828-5075. Additional information is available at tru.ca/advising

Applications are accepted from October 1 – February 15 (deadline for application and submission of supporting documents). Admission to the AHT program is determined by a selective admission process and is highly competitive. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

How to Apply

1. **Submit your application** online tru.ca/campus/admissions/apply
2. **Pay the application fee:** \$28.68 for Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
3. **Submit Ministry of Education high school transcript:** For current high school students please submit final Grade 11 grades and an interim Grade 12 statement listing courses you are taking this year.
4. **Submit official post-secondary transcript(s), if applicable**
5. **Submit all required supporting documents**

Next Steps:

1. We will contact you within 2-3 weeks to let you know that we have received your application.
2. Use the check-list in this package to make sure you have included all the supporting documents required for the program you are applying to. For limited and selective programs, all documents must be submitted by the deadline in order for your application to be considered.
3. Once we have reviewed your application and supporting documents, we will notify you about the admission decision after the deadline.
4. If you are offered a seat in the program, you will have to pay a commitment fee to confirm your seat.

Need Help? Contact Us

Email: admissions@tru.ca

Old Main Student Street

Phone: 250-828-5036

Fax: 250-371-5960

Mailing Address:

Admissions

Thompson Rivers University

805 TRU Way

Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8

Further information regarding the Animal Health Technology program and application process can be found at: tru.ca/science/programs/aht

Additional information regarding various TRU support services, including Disability Services, Counselling, Student Awards & Financial Support, and Housing can be found at www.tru.ca

Program Application Checklist

Applications are submitted to Admissions and will only be considered if all required documents are received. Incomplete applications will not be considered after the **February 15th** application deadline.

Please check off and include all of the following:

- Application form**
- Application fee \$28.68**
- Ministry of Education high school transcript**
- All official post-secondary transcript(s)**
- Questionnaire (form)**
- Orientation to a veterinary facility (form)**

Reference forms should be submitted directly by the referee to Admissions and must be received by the application deadline.

Alternatively, reference forms may be given directly to the applicant provided it is in a sealed envelope with the referee's signature and the date across the envelope flap. If the latter option is used, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that the reference form is received by the application deadline. *No reference will be accepted from family members.*

Animal Health Technology Questionnaire

September 2018 intake

Complete this form in your own handwriting & submit with your application.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

1. **What courses did you feel most comfortable with in High School? Why do you think that is so?**

2. **What courses did you feel least comfortable with in High School? Why do you think that is so?**

3. **The Animal Health Technology (AHT) program is academically demanding – the number of instructional hours is high and there are many assignments/quizzes/projects. Please explain how you have prepared for this type of educational experience.**

➤ *In your response, comment on your previous performance in high school and/or university.*

4. Tell us about any achievements, awards/bursaries or scholarships that you may have received.

5. List and briefly describe your voluntary and/or paid veterinary experience – beginning with the most recent experience.

➤ *Include approximate # of hours per week, duration and a brief description of your role/responsibilities. (Attach additional sheet if necessary)*

6. Briefly describe any non-veterinary animal experience, e.g. shelters, SPCA, rescues, wildlife rehab, exotics, etc.

➤ *Include approximate # of hours per week, duration and a brief description of your role/responsibilities. (Attach additional sheet if necessary)*

7. List any other non-veterinary/non animal related voluntary or paid work experience.

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8. Do you have any large animal experience (cattle/horses/sheep/goats/llamas, etc.)? **YES** **NO**
If yes, please provide details. (circle one)

9. Is there any type of animal that causes you some anxiety or makes you feel uncomfortable? Please explain.

10. Everyone who applies to the AHT program has a passion for animals, however all animals come with humans attached! How do you like working with people? Do you prefer to work in a team or on your own? Are you comfortable in the role of team leader?

11. Considering there are many career paths in the field of Science, why did you choose to enter this component of Veterinary Medicine?

12. Tell us what you believe the job opportunities are for a graduate Animal Health Technologist/Veterinary Technologist.

13. If accepted to the program, what are your career plans after graduation?

14. Although there are many jobs for AHTs/VTs and it is rewarding to work with animals, the work is hard and the pay is modest. How do you feel about this?

15. What salary or wage do you expect to receive (dollars/month or hourly wage) after graduation?

16. AHTs/VTs and AHT students must do lots of cleaning up after animals – this includes cleaning up feces, urine, blood and vomit. How do you feel about having to do this type of cleaning for part of most days?

Animal Health Technology Orientation at a Veterinary Facility

Dear Doctor:

The Animal Health Technology (AHT) 2 year diploma program at Thompson Rivers University consistently receives more applications than available seats. We have noticed that a number of applicants are unfamiliar with the roles and responsibilities of veterinarians and AHTs in particular. The purpose of this letter is to clarify an admission prerequisite and ask for your cooperation in supporting this applicant.

It is a mandatory prerequisite that an applicant have spent at least two weeks (80 hours) at a veterinary facility. Please note that these hours do not need to be concurrent. If possible, it would be helpful if you or one of your AHTs could speak with the prospective applicant outlining the AHTs function and responsibilities in your practice.

After the applicant has completed the minimum time in your practice, please complete the Orientation to a Veterinary Facility form attached. We would also appreciate you providing a reference for this applicant (please use the reference form provided to the student). *This reference form can be sent directly to the registrar's office – instructions are located on the cover page for the Veterinary Orientation Site Reference form. Alternatively, this reference form can be given directly to the applicant **provided it is in a sealed envelope with your signature and date across the envelope flap.*** If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at 250-852-7170 or ahtprograms@tru.ca.

Sincerely,



Robina Manfield, RVT, RMLAT
Chairperson, AHT Program
Animal Health Technology Department
Thompson Rivers University
www.tru.ca/science/aht

Animal Health Technology Orientation at a Veterinary Facility

Applicant's Name:

This is to certify that the applicant named above has spent _____ hours* observing my practice. I feel that he/she had adequate exposure to a routine day in a veterinary facility.

*Number of hours (estimate) is required as part of the applicant's evaluation.

Dates of Orientation: _____

Practice/Business Name: _____ City/Province: _____

Veterinarian's Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please print)

Veterinarian's Signature: _____

Veterinarian, please complete the attached reference form

Thank you.

VETERINARY ORIENTATION SITE REFERENCE

#1

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Name of Applicant: _____

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Sonia Walczak
Program Coordinator, Animal Health Technology
Thompson Rivers University
Telephone: 250-377-6079
Email: swalczak@tru.ca

Note: If you have completed one of these forms for the above mentioned applicant within the past two years and your assessment is unchanged, it is not necessary to complete this form. Please check the space below, include your signature and address, return the form to the admissions contact noted above and your previous assessment will be used.

Please use previous evaluation on file

Name (please print)

Address

Signature

Date

What is (was) your relationship to the applicant? _____

How well do you know the applicant? _____

How long has the applicant been involved with you or organization? (Give approximate start and end dates if possible)

Approximately how many hours per week? _____

Please evaluate the applicant for each of the following characteristics by encircling the statement which in your judgement best describes the applicant. Special comments may be made in the space by each characteristic given below.

INTEGRITY (Honesty with others and him/herself)

Usually dishonest	Sometimes dishonest	Usually honest	Unquestioned integrity	Not able to evaluate	
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INTERESTED IN ANIMALS

Not at all interested	Not very interested	Average interest	Very interested	Exceptionally interested	Not able to evaluate
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INDUSTRY (Applicant to a task and perseverance)

Lazy	Tends to be lazy	Industrious	Very industrious	Exceptionally industrious	Not able to evaluate
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MATURITY (Knows and accepts self, adaptable, tolerant)

Very immature	Somewhat immature	Mature	Very mature	Exceptionally mature	Not able to evaluate
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RELIABILITY (Responsible, dependable, punctual)

Usually unreliable	Somewhat unreliable	Usually reliable	Very reliable	Unquestioned reliability	Not able to evaluate
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EMOTIONAL STABILITY (Likely to be decisive in crisis, takes setbacks in stride, positive self-image)

Not at all stable	Easily upset	Seldom Upset	Stable, well balanced	Not able to evaluate	
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INITIATIVE (Motivated, independent, resourceful)

Dependent, constantly requires direction	Needs some direction	Does only assigned work	Usually does more than assigned work and without help	Exceedingly resourceful and motivated	Not able to evaluate
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VERBAL FACILITY (Vocabulary, ability to express oneself)

Inarticulate	Moderately articulate	Articulate and fluent	Not able to evaluate		
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REASONING CAPACITY (Ability to draw valid conclusions from data and to apply general principles to specific conditions)

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ABILITY TO THINK IN PRACTICAL TERMS (“Common Sense”)

Not at all practical	Not very practical	Practical	Very practical	Extremely practical	Not able to evaluate
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LEADERSHIP (Ability to influence and guide others)

No ability to lead	Marginal ability to lead	Average ability to lead	A good leader	Outstanding leader	Not able to evaluate
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BREADTH OF INTEREST (Knowledge of and participation in a variety to fields and activities)

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KNOWLEDGE OF ANIMALS (Experience in working with animals and knowledge of their husbandry)

Ignorant and without experience	Cursory knowledge and little experience	Knowledge and experience comparable to that of average person	Knowledgeable with above average experience	Exceedingly knowledgeable with extensive experience	Not able to evaluate
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DEPORTMENT (Social behaviour, ability to get along with others)

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Overall Rating as a Candidate for Admission to the Animal Health Technology Program (A "Highly Recommended" rating should be used only for those candidates whom you deem to be truly outstanding.)

- Not Recommended
 Recommended with reservation
 Recommended
 Highly Recommended
 No Opinion

Your Name: (please print): _____

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Your business, organization or institution: _____

- Business or
 Home Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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OTHER ANIMAL RELATED (Non Veterinary) EXPERIENCE REFERENCE

#2

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