

How to apply for Veterinary Technology Onsite Program

TRANSCRIPTS

To submit high school and post-secondary transcripts (other than a TRU transcript), please visit [Secondary and/or Post-Secondary transcripts](#). All official transcripts must be sent to TRU directly from the issuing institution(s). Transcripts submitted by students will not be accepted as official documentation.

If you are an Out-of-Province high school student, you must request an official transcript from the province or Ministry of Education in which you graduated.

****** Must meet the minimum of educational requirements to be considered for this program. ******

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS to admissions@tru.ca

- A) Proof of Canadian Citizenship
 - Copy of birth certificate/passport OR
 - Proof of Permanent Residency Status if not a Canadian Citizen
- B) A Resume
- C) 3 Reference Forms - Please forward the form link, <https://www.tru.ca/science/diplomas-certificates/vtech/diploma/admissionreq/vtec-reference-form> to your referees - at least one must be from animal related work or volunteer experience, the other two may be from non-animal work or volunteer experience. No references from family members allowed.
- D) Submission of Language Proficiency Index results if applicable.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS to vettech@tru.ca

A) Accreditation of the TRU Vet Tech Program indicates that applicants must have “an understanding of a career in veterinary technology”. In order to accomplish this requirement, the following 3 parts of the application must be completed.

- **Part 1:** watch selected videos and complete a **“Know, Wonder, Learn”** document
- **Part 2:** interview a Registered Veterinary Technologist (not on the job trained individuals, they must have secondary education and be registered with their provincial association) and keep detailed notes
- **Part 3:** Create a 4 – 7-minute introduction and Q&A video

B) If shortlisted – attend a mandatory virtual Program Orientation Session upon invitation from the Animal Health Department.

C) Departmental Medical Forms — upon acceptance

Note: Applicants should have an interest in working with and caring for animals. This includes such areas as farms, SPCA, wildlife refuges or any other animal-oriented facility. Students should have a desire to develop manual and technical skills.

Consultation with practicing RVTs is mandatory.

Part 2: Interview a Registered Veterinary Technologist. You must confirm that the RVT is a current, active member of their Provincial Vet Tech Association before organizing an interview time. Set up a meeting (in person or virtually) with the RVT to conduct an interview. You are to ask them a minimum of 5 questions during the interview meant to explore the profession. Three of these questions must be:

- 1) When did you become an RVT and what vet tech school did you attend?
- 2) Thinking about before you entered vet tech school, is there anything that you wished someone would have told you before starting in this profession?
- 3) Describe what a week of work looks like to you?

Prepare at least two more questions of your own in advance of the interview.

***** If you are shortlisted, more questions will be asked about the RVT interview. It is highly recommended that you take and keep notes to refer back to.***

Part 3: Create a 4–7-minute personal introduction video that addresses the following:

Now that you have interviewed an RVT, and have a strong desire to become an RVT yourself, answer the following questions in your video:

Please start the video by introducing yourself and telling the committee about you. Be sure to answer the following questions in your 4–7-minute video

- 1) Tell us which RVT you interviewed and where they are from. What did you learn from the RVT that you did not know before with regards to the RVT profession?
- 2) What do you think your **favorite** part of the RVT profession will be?
- 3) What do you feel your **least favorite** part of the job will be?
- 4) What are **your** career aspirations as an RVT in the next 10 years?

Contact Info

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