



VETERINARY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

INFORMED ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT TO HAZARDS AND RISKS

The Veterinary Technician profession involves health risks. The following "Warning of Hazards and Risks" describes potential dangers in veterinary technology and helps students make an informed decision about participation in the YVC Veterinary Technology Program. In addition to the dangers described, there is also a risk of injuries, illness, or death resulting from causes not specified in the "Warning". Each student will read the "Warning" and sign the "Informed Acknowledgment and Consent to Hazards and Risks" (next page) before entry to the Veterinary Technology (VT) Program.

WARNING OF HAZARDS AND RISKS

The purpose of the WARNING is to aid you in making an informed decision as to whether you (or your child or ward) should participate in the VT Program at YVC, and accordingly, whether you should sign the "Informed Acknowledgment and Consent to Hazards and Risks" on the following page.

Participation in the practice of animal health and veterinary technology education may involve injury, illness, or death to one's self or others. Such injury or illness can include, but is not limited to, biting, kicking, scratching, and other actions of animals, exposure to infectious disease, improper use of equipment or substances involved in the practice of animal health care, exposure to hazardous substances or radiation. Accidental injury may also occur in the clinical setting, or enroute to or from a clinical site. Any injury or illness can affect one's personal health or the health of an unborn child. An injury or illness can impair one's general physical and/or mental health and may impact one's future ability to earn a living, engage in other business, social, or recreational activities.

In addition to acknowledging hazards and risks, the applicant must be aware of personal responsibility regarding matters of safety involving self, animals, and others. He/she is to ask questions and learn as much as possible from faculty, staff, facility/agency veterinary technicians and/or other knowledgeable persons. Students must inform appropriate faculty of any personal relevant medical condition that might potentially pose hazards or risks to self or others. A student may be required to submit permission from his/her personal physician to participate in veterinary technology education activities.

The VT Program does not discriminate on the basis of age, marital status, sex, race, color, creed, or national origin or the presence of any physical or sensory handicap, disabled or Viet Nam Era veteran status.

A Veterinary Technician must be capable of communicating with other persons and maneuvering animals and heavy equipment. Therefore, he/she must have adequate use of limbs and speech. They must also have the ability to remain mentally and physically alert to react to emergency situations, equipment malfunctions, and safety hazard warning techniques. Therefore, he/she must have the functioning ability to feel, see, hear, and smell. Every reasonable attempt will be made to accommodate disabilities. Persons who consider themselves disabled and/or in need of accommodations should contact the program coordinator at the earliest possible date regarding accommodations.



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INFORMED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONSENT
TO HAZARDS AND RISKS FORM

I, _____ want to participate in the Veterinary Technology Program at Yakima Valley College. I have read the preceding **WARNING** and I understand that veterinary technology is an activity involving the RISK OF INJURY, ILLNESS, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH. I also understand that by participating in the YVC Veterinary Technology Program, I am subject to the possibility of injury, illness, paralysis, or death as outlined in the **WARNING** above. By signing this **Informed Acknowledgment and Consent to Hazards and Risks**, I acknowledge that:

1. I have read and understand the content and agree to the terms listed in the **WARNING**.
2. I have had a chance to ask questions and seek advice.
3. I have informed a veterinary technology department faculty of my relevant physical or emotional conditions which might pose risk to me or others. If my physical or emotional status should change during the course of my veterinary technology education and the new status might affect my safety or the safety of others, I will inform appropriate faculty.
4. I am aware that the Pre-Exposure Rabies vaccine is highly recommended to work with the animal populations of the program.
5. I am age 18 or over, or if not, my parents hereby make these promises on my behalf.
6. I voluntarily choose to participate in the Veterinary Technology Program at Yakima Valley College.

Signature <i>(if under 18 years of age, signature of custodial parent)</i>	
Date	

College Use Only:

Witness/College Official	Joanna Fischer, DVM
Signature	
Date	

MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE COURSE WORK BEGINS.

Yakima Valley College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, genetic information, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities, or in employment. All inquiries regarding compliance should be directed to the Executive Director of Human Resource Services, YVC, South 16th Ave. & Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, WA 98902; or call 509.574.4670.

