

Vermont Technical College
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Randolph Center, VT 05061

To: Incoming Veterinary Technology Freshman

From: Veterinary Technology Program

Re: **Required items**

The Veterinary Technology program looks forward to your arrival for the fall semester. In preparation for your classes, the following items are required:

1. Stethoscope: Flathead: \$10± **OR** Dualhead: \$40±
2. Black rubber boots, minimum 10" high, pullover type and *NO* laces.
3. Blue coveralls
4. White lab coat. Long sleeves, long (thigh/knee) length (not waist/hip length)
5. Thermometer - digital
6. Tetanus vaccination
7. TB test
8. Rabies Prophylaxis Vaccine (See attached from our Health Services Coordinator)
9. Name tag for coveralls, lab coat (one removable tag would be sufficient)
10. Watch with a second hand or digital readout for taking vital signs.
11. Scrub top for first year labs, full scrub suit for second year surgical lab.

It is strongly recommended that you receive a human *prophylactic* rabies vaccine. The cost to an individual for the vaccine varies, so it is suggested you contact your doctor and/or insurance company. The vaccine is also available through the college in the fall semester. The cost will be \$300+ -- the price varies depending on the number of students requesting it. You will receive a copy of the Veterinary Technology student handbook at orientation, it will contain more information about the rabies vaccine and other program policies.

It is also suggested that you make financial allowances for your one credit summer externship since it falls outside the regular academic year and you may not be financially compensated at your chosen site.

The above listed items can be purchased at a farm/feed store.

- *Central Supplies*, Randolph (802) 728-9531
- *The VTC Bookstore* (802) 728-1238
The bookstore may again stock stethoscopes and thermometers. We suggest you call early to either of the above listed places to check on availability and place an order for boots and coveralls.
- A uniform shop will also have stethoscopes and lab coats or you can purchase them through a mail order catalog. Here are some suggestions:
 - *Scrubs Xpress* 1-800-965-5040 www.scrubsxpress.com
 - *Tafford* 1-800-283-0065 www.tafford.com
 - *Uniform Advantage* 1-800-283-8708 www.uniformadvantage.com

These are only suggestions and by no means are you required to purchase items through these companies. Boots and coveralls can also be purchased at your local department store. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (802) 728-1226 and we will try to assist you.