Veterinary Science Associate Degree FAQs

Am I eligible for any professional certifications upon completion of the NTC program?
Upon completion of the program and work experience, students will be eligible to take the Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT) exam to work in an animal research facility or veterinary clinic.

What’s the difference between Veterinary Science and Vet Tech?

**NTC Veterinary Science Program**
- Combination of Dairy Science and Veterinary Science courses
- Broad overview, large animal focus
- Hands-on experiences working with dairy cattle, administering medication, assisting in procedures
- Provided foundational knowledge in good animal care practices
- Provided foundational knowledge in laboratory procedures
- Examine, monitor, and care for dairy cattle
- Apply skills and training in the areas of clinic and office procedures
- Apply skills in animal bio-safety
- Demonstrate increased awareness of sound environmental practices
- Incorporate information from written documents, legal documents, professional literature and reports.
- Internship experience working in the agriculture field
- Graduates can take the Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT) exam with work experience
- Graduates would be able to work in the following areas: research facility, agriculture technician, farm worker, animal maternity tending, caring for sick animals, administering medication or veterinary assistant.

**Other Veterinary Technician Programs**
- Practice dentistry, anesthesiology, animal nursing care, drawing blood and other lab work
- Learn the science that underlies good animal care
- Prepare to help pet owners provide the best care
- Practice vaccinations, clipping nails, helping with physical exams, and preparing for surgery
- Graduates are eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE)