

PCC Veterinary Technology Point System

The Veterinary Technology program uses a point system to assess applicants, adhering to the Portland Community College Equal Opportunity statement. To maximize your chances for gaining acceptance into the program be sure to recognize where you can earn points so that you can be a competitive candidate.

Points are distributed in several areas:

- **College Course work /GPA:** Points are given for college course work you have completed and the accumulative GPA you have received for those courses. The more college courses you have completed, the more points you will receive. This includes the required pre-veterinary technology program curriculum coursework.
- **Required Course work:** Points are given for the number of science courses you have taken and completed with a grade of C or better.
 - This includes the Biology 112 and Chemistry 100 required coursework.
 - The higher the math course you have completed, the more points.
- **Letter of recommendation:** A professional letter of recommendation from a practicing veterinarian who states you have experience beyond the 40 hour observation requirement earns you more points in this category. Personal letters of recommendation are acceptable, but are not awarded the maximum number of points available. Other sources of a professional letter of recommendation may include past or present employer, volunteer supervisor, etc.
- **Veterinary Assistant experience:** Points are given for hours/months/years working in a veterinary hospital or clinic under the supervision of a veterinarian. The more time you have been employed or have volunteered, the more points you will receive. **NOTE:** The 40 hours observation requirement does not count here. This form still needs to be completed even if you have been employed as a Veterinary Assistant.
- **Animal Handling / Volunteer Opportunities:** Points are given for involvement in 4-H animal related groups, FFA animal related groups, animal training, volunteer work at shelters or rehabilitation facilities, kennel and grooming work and animal related farm work. The more hours you have completed and documented, the more points earned
- **Pet Ownership:** You will receive points if you have raised and owned personal pets.
- **Interview:** The interview allows the Interviewing Committee to assess your knowledge of veterinary technology, your academic goals and your professional goals. It also provides the committee the opportunity to obtain specific information about your work experience and an accurate assessment of your professional and academic background.