

Veterinary Technology Program Work Experience Form

To the Applicant:

Applicants to the Veterinary Technology program at Lakeland College are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer work experience or employment hours in a veterinary clinic.

- Experience at an Animal Shelter **is not** an acceptable replacement for experience in a veterinary clinic.
- Hours must be completed within two years of your application.
- This form must be completed by an RVT and/or Veterinarian at the clinic where you completed this work experience.

It is your responsibility to ensure both pages of the form are returned to Lakeland College Admissions by the deadline listed on the form.

If you have questions about your application status, please contact admissions at admissions@lakelandcollege.ca or call 1.800.661.6490 ext 5487

To the RVT/Veterinarian Evaluator:

The completion of 40 hours of work experience is a requirement for admission to the Veterinary Technology program. These hours are meant to help the applicant learn more about a vet clinic's day-to-day operations and determine if a career in veterinary medicine is suitable.

To help the applicant become aware of the responsibilities of an RVT, we have included a list of duties that we hope you will expose the applicant to. These duties are a *recommendation only* – every clinic will have location-specific responsibilities.

We also recommend that applicants engage in conversations with veterinary professionals about a career as an RVT. Some questions that may help guide these conversations are:

- If you had to do it over again, would you still choose this profession? Why?
- What is your favourite part of the job? What is your least favourite part of the job?
- How many hours are you usually scheduled to work in a day? A week? How often do you find yourself working past your regular scheduled hours?
- What are the expectations of your employer when it comes to emergency or after-hour work?
- What percentage of your time is spent working with animals? Talking to owners/clients? Doing routine cleaning/maintenance in the clinic?
- What is the average wage for an entry-level RVT?

Thank you for your support of the Veterinary Technology program at Lakeland College.

Lakeland College Veterinary Technology Program

Work Experience Form

Applicant Information: (To be completed by the applicant)

Student Name (print): _____

Lakeland College ID (if known): _____

Clinic Supervisor:

Please complete the following information at the conclusion of the required 40 hours. You may be contacted to verify this information.

Duties: Please provide a checkmark in the following chart of possible responsibilities. If you wish to add additional duties that the applicant was exposed to at your clinic, space has been provided at the bottom.

Task	Observed	Participated
Cleanliness and sanitation procedures		
Basic handling and restraint		
Husbandry and nursing care		
Safety protocols		
Diagnostic laboratory procedures		
Surgical preparation		
Spay or neuter procedures		
Dentistry		
Vaccinations		
X-rays		
Reception duties (answering phones, booking appointments)		
Payment responsibilities		
Charting		

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Verification:

Veterinary Clinic Information	
Clinic Name	
Address	City/Town
Province	Postal Code
Supervisor Name	Position (RVT/Veterinarian)
Telephone Number (Work)	
Start date of work experience	End date of work experience
Total hours of experience worked	
Signature	Date

Return to Lakeland College Admissions by August 1st.

Email: admissions@lakelandcollege.ca
 Fax: 780.853.8594

The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Alberta *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be protected under the Act. Information is collected for the purpose of student evaluation and administration of the Veterinary Technology program. Information collected on this form is used in the normal course of College operations in accordance with this legislation. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator (5707 College Drive, Vermilion AB; 780-853-8524; FOIP@lakelandcollege.ca).