



## Veterinary Assistant (31-098-3)

Technical Diploma  
Effective 2026/2027

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here. All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan. Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.). More detailed scheduling information for this program can be found at <https://www.gtc.edu/veterinary-technician>. Please see your academic advisor for additional information.

E-D = Elkhorn/days, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	Notes	E-D
1	890-155	1	Gateway to Success (G2S)		• Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.	S/SU
1	806-105	4	Principles of Animal Biology		• Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.	S/SU
1	809-198	3	Psychology, Introduction to	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	• Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.	S/SU
2	*098-120	1	Animal Behavior	Prereq: Program Admission		SU/F
2	*098-123	2	Veterinary Medical Terminology	Prereq: Program Admission	• Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.	SU/F
2	801-196 OR 801-198	3	Oral/Interpersonal Communication OR Speech			SU/F
3	*098-101	3	Animal Care and Management	Prereq: Instructor Consent; 806-105; Coreq: 091-102 OR 098-102	• Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.	F/S
3	*098-102	3	Veterinary Business Practices	Coreq: 091-101 OR 098-101		F/S
4	*098-103	4	Clinical Pathology I for Vet Sciences	Prereq: 091-101 OR 098-101; 091-102 OR 098-102; 806-105	• Students must receive a "B" or better in 806-105 before they can enroll in this course.	S/SU
4	*098-105	3	Surgical Procedures I for Vet Sciences	Coreq: 091-103 OR 098-103		S/SU
4	*098-107	3	Imaging for Veterinary Sciences	Coreq: 091-103 OR 098-103		S/SU
5	*098-108	3	Veterinary Pharmacology	Prereq: 834-109; Coreq: 091-110 OR 098-110	• Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.	SU/F
5	*098-110	2	Clinical Skills I for Vet Sciences	Prereq: Instructor Consent		SU/F

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 35

(\*) Students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for this major course to meet graduation requirements.

### **Veterinary Assistant (31-098-3)**

In this program, students learn basic veterinary assistant skills including how to care for and handle animals, provide medical and surgical nursing, and perform radiography and clinical laboratory procedures. Applicable federal, state, and local law and ethical guidelines are presented to students throughout the program. Students complete clinical work under the direction of certified veterinary technicians and veterinarians. Upon completion of the program, graduates can provide professional support to veterinarians and veterinary technicians in veterinary clinics.

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

Graduates will be able to:

- 1 Manage daily veterinary business functions.
- 2 Develop basic animal handling skills and husbandry needs.
- 3 Explore the concepts of surgical room and pre-surgical patient preparation.
- 4 Examine legal issues and pharmacy skills for a Veterinary Assistant.
- 5 Investigate basic diagnostic laboratory and radiology skills.

### **Essential Career Competencies**

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- 1 Communication Competence
- 2 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- 3 Professionalism and Career Management
- 4 Teamwork and Collaboration
- 5 Cultural Competence
- 6 Technology Competence

### **Admission Requirements**

- 1 Students must submit an application and pay \$30 fee.
- 2 Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.
- 3 Review the technical standards for this program at [www.gtc.edu/forms](http://www.gtc.edu/forms). An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.
- 4 This is a high demand program that utilizes a [priority placement](#) process for enrollment in core program courses. Students admitted into this program progress

through three stages pre-core, core-ready and core-active as they work to complete their degree. Students are selected based on application date, completion of academic preparedness requirements and district residency. Academic preparedness requirements may include a Background Information Disclosure Form and Criminal Background Check and official high school, GED or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.

### **Graduation Requirements**

- 1 Minimum 35 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- 2 \*Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
- 3 Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success (G2S) in the first semester.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or [Graduation Requirements](#).

### **Notes**

- 1 Students must maintain minimum course grades of "C" or better for all courses marked with an (\*) to remain in the program.
- 2 A laptop computer, stethoscope, uniform, and other supplies will be needed.
- 3 Nearly daily exposure to latex and/or animal fur and dander will occur in this program. Those with sensitivities may find exposure impossible to avoid.
- 4 Immunocompromised individuals should consult their physician before enrollment.
- 5 Clinical sites are located throughout and potentially outside the district. Students are responsible for their own transportation.
- 6 Some clinical sites require TB testing and immunizations against tetanus and hepatitis B. Rabies immunization is required.
- 7 Please note that your program may require additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Document Manager, and/or Drug Testing.
- 8 This is a high demand program that utilizes a priority placement process for enrollment in core program courses.
- 9 Students admitted to the program must complete a volunteer shadowing experience in an approved clinical setting prior to registering for a Veterinary Technician course. Documentation requirements will be included in the program admission packet. This is a high demand program with petitioning required. See the program adviser for details.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.

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