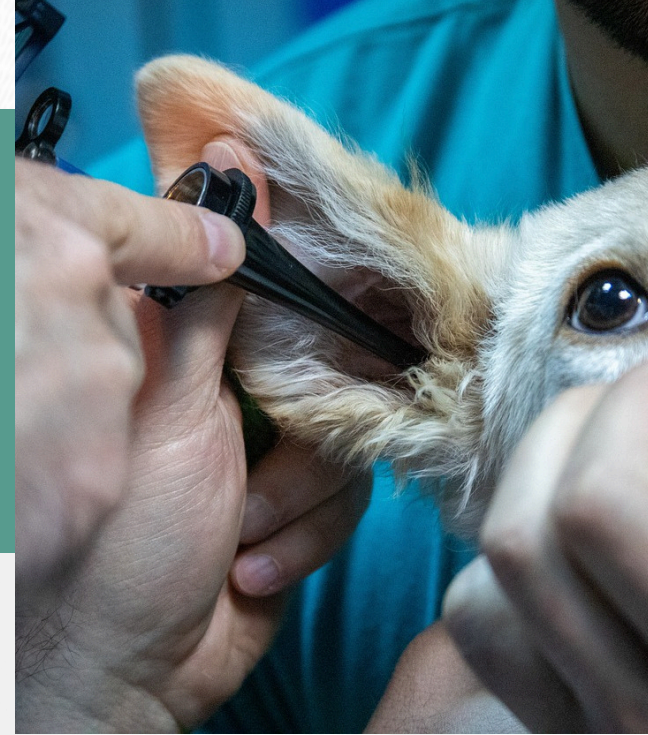


VETERINARY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (VTA)



ARE YOU THINKING OF A CAREER IN THE ANIMAL SCIENCES INDUSTRY?

In 2024-2025 Olds College will continue to offer the full Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate (VTA). We have been thrilled with the growth of this program in dual credit over the past two years with the continued offering of the VTA Calgary cohort and the two newer Central Alberta cohorts to bring us to a total of 90 students annually completing this certificate.

WHAT IS THE VETERINARY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (VTA)?

Visit the [Olds College website](#) for a full description. This certificate is like the Health Care Aide Certificate for human medicine.

Students will have 5 courses that they have to complete during the year and achieve a minimum GPA average of 2.00 (approximately 62%) to receive the certification.

WHAT WILL THIS COURSE LOOK LIKE IN YOUR SCHEDULE?

- 1st and 2nd semesters in the 2024-2025 school year will be used
- The courses will run for 15 weeks each semester in a blended online and in-person model.
- The online portion of each course will largely be asynchronous with minimal synchronous time expected.
- Each semester students will be required to be in person at Olds College 4 to 5 Saturdays for approximately 5 hours of lab learning on each date
- Each course will earn students 5 high school credits for a total of 25 high school credits at the thirty level.
- Upon successful completion of the 5 courses, students will earn the Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate (VTA) with Olds College
- Students are responsible for the purchase of the program learning materials and Personal Protective Equipment, scrubs, lab wraps (approximately \$350).

COURSES

- **AHT1050** - Introduction to the Veterinary Profession (pre-req - Summer)
- **VTA6010** - Small Animal Restraint and Handling (Semester 1)
- **VTA6020** - Principles of Veterinary Clinical Procedures (Semester 1)
- **VTA6030** - Veterinary Equipment and Instrumentation (Semester 2)
- **VTA6040** - Veterinary Patient Preparation and Husbandry (Semester 2)



Speak to your school's academic advisor to see if this program is available in your school division

BENEFITS

- The program tuition cost is **free** to all students (covered by your school division). The cost of this program to adult students after high school is approximately \$3700.00!
- Earn 25 30-level high school credits
- VTA is great on your resume
- Use your VTA Certificate to to start working immediately in industry
- Participate in Olds College Convocation