Veterinary Technology Program Awarded Accreditation

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The Hillsborough Community College Veterinary Technology program has earned full accreditation through the American Veterinary Medical Association. HCC is one of only six state institutions offering an AVMA accredited program.

“This accreditation is a testament to our robust program offerings, state-of-the art facilities and community partnerships,” said Dr. Vincent Centonze, HCC’s veterinary technology program director.

HCC students gain real-world experiences through community partnerships with organizations such as county animal services, SPCA Florida and private veterinary practices. Through this partnership students are able to perform teeth cleanings, assist with orthopedic surgeries and take x-rays on adoption track animals.

Careers in veterinary technology include veterinary private practices, humane societies, specialty veterinary medicine, zoo/wildlife medicine, agriculture and biomedical research.

The associate in science degree can be completed in two years or five consecutive terms. The program includes 18 credits hours of general education requirements and 55 credits hours of Veterinary Technology courses. For more information on the program and application process, please visit [http://www.hccfl.edu/departments/vet-tech.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/departments/vet-tech.aspx).

Hillsborough Community College serves more than 47,000 students annually on campuses on Dale Mabry Highway in Tampa and in Brandon, Plant City, Ruskin and Ybor City. Hillsborough Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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