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IS VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY FOR ME?
This two-year diploma program is accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and is designed to prepare students to work as technicians with veterinarians, researchers and other professionals who work with animals. Program enrolment is limited to 40 students, so students benefit from small classes and close interactions with faculty.

While our focus is on small animal private practice, you’ll be exposed to a variety of species including livestock, equine, exotics and lab animal species while you study here. This will give you entry-level skills wherever your career takes you.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?
You’ll gain practical experience by learning hands-on at our dedicated small animal veterinary teaching hospital and our campus farm, where you’ll have access to diverse animal units, excellent facilities and knowledgeable staff.

Students will complete four standard semesters, earning a diploma in as little as two years. After first year, students will complete a summer intersession, consisting of 3 diverse practical externship and internships. These learning experiences provide students with an exciting opportunity to work at the Atlantic Veterinary College, an intense clinical experience at our Boulden Animal Centre and a real world experience (6 weeks) in a small, private practice of your choice.

Areas of focus include medicine, disease, clinical exercises, clinical pathology (diagnostics), radiology, veterinary dentistry, pharmacology, nutrition and many more.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER GRADUATION?
In this career, you’ll work closely with veterinarians and other hospital staff, including receptionists, kennel attendants and veterinary assistants. As a veterinary technician, you’ll assist veterinarians in diagnoses by providing accurate diagnostics with radiographs and blood work. You’ll also communicate with animals’ families and caregivers to ensure the best outcome for your patients.

Exciting opportunities for veterinary technicians also exist in diverse fields such as sales and wildlife rehabilitation, as well as in zoos and research fields focusing on a wide variety of species.

WHAT GRADUATE PROGRAMS CAN I PURSUE?
Upon completion of the Veterinary Technology Diploma program, you’ll have a strong knowledge base in a variety of areas. You may choose to pursue the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) and later, a Master of Science (MSc). You can also explore a variety of exciting continuing education specialities for veterinary technicians, including:

- Internal medicine: oncology, cardiology, neurology, small and large animal internal medicine
- Dental technology
- Emergency and critical care technology
- Anaesthesiology
- Animal behaviour
- Zoo medicine
- Surgical technology

WHY STUDY VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY AT DAL’S TRURO CAMPUS?
- Employment opportunities: Enjoy an exceptionally high employment rate as a graduate of this program, which gives you a chance to make a difference in the lives of animals.
- Work experience: Gain practical experience by completing an internship and two externships, ranging from private practice to specialty referral centres.
- Hands-on: Learn by working with a multitude of species, including our main focus on cats and dogs, but also horses, cow, sheep and lab animals.
- Continue to grow: There is unlimited potential for growth and knowledge when you become a veterinary technician as you can further your knowledge in many specialities including anaesthesia, equine, dentistry, and more.

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