

Questions regarding hours of observation

- **What does the 16 hours of observation entail?**

Potential students are required to observe at a veterinary facility for 16 contact hours. There is no specific paperwork or agenda that must be completed during this time. These hours are simply designed to give you an understanding of what the profession involves. Hours can be completed at any clinic (or mobile veterinary clinic) that you choose.

- **The application shows that I must complete 16 hours of observation at a veterinary clinic. Does this need to be complete prior to submitting the application?**

No, the hours can be completed after the application is submitted. However, the location, dates of observation and contact information for the veterinary clinic must be arranged prior to submitting the application.

- **Does school to work or having worked at a veterinary clinic count toward my hours of observation**

Yes, this time counts as the hours of observation.

- **My family owns a ranch, dairy, equine facility etc. and we have a lot of contact with the veterinarian. Will this count towards my hours of observation?**

No, in these instances you are the client so this will not count.

- **I volunteer at an animal shelter / rescue. Will this count towards my hours of observation?**

Only if the facility has a veterinarian on staff. Only the time spent with the veterinarian will count towards the hours.

- **I worked at a veterinary facility 2 years ago. Will this count towards my hours of observation?**

Yes, we accept any hours of observation completed within the past 5 years.

Questions regarding the letters of reference

- **Is there a specific form?**

Yes, please use the letter of reference form found on this website.

- **Does the reference have to be from a specific person such as a veterinarian?**

No, the reference may be from anyone who is familiar with your character. Common sources include teachers, counselors, co-workers, coaches etc. We strongly discourage references from family members.

Questions regarding the interview

- **Do I need to call and set up an interview time?**

No, once we have an application we will contact you and set up an interview time.

- **How long are the interviews?**

Approximately 30 minutes.

General application Questions

Do I need to send all the application materials in as a single package?

No, it is not required, however, it is sincerely appreciated. We encourage applicants to submit a veterinary technology application package in entirety. The mailing address is on the front of the application.

Is there a specific deadline for applications?

No, we begin accepting application January 1st of each year. We utilize a “rolling admissions” protocol. This means that we evaluate each application as it arrives, and determine if the applicant is awarded admission. Traditionally, the program is full by April or May. (Example: Submit application January 1, 2023 and begin the program in the fall semester August 2023)

When do you recommend getting the application in?

As soon after January 1st as possible.

Can I apply to start in the spring semester?

No, we admit students 1 time per year in the fall semester (August).

Whom should I contact if I have questions about my application or interview time?

Kara McCurdy is the first point of contact. She can be reached at kmccurdy@csi.edu or 208-732-6219. If Kara cannot be reached, contact Mikeal Newman at manewman@csi.edu or 208-732- 6484.