# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE
# VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM — EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

The Veterinary Technology Associate in Science Degree Program is a rigorous 5 semester program which includes a clinical placement. Even before acceptance to the program, students must complete 30 hours of veterinary clinical observation and volunteer experience. PSC students gain real world experience by actively participating in the anesthesia and active nursing care for animal shelter pets that are spayed/neutered or receive dental care. Students perform these tasks under the supervision of a DVM or Certified Vet Tech. PSC Vet Tech graduates are knowledgeable, professional employees when they enter the workforce community.

## Naming Opportunities

Significant gifts to the college provide opportunities for donors to designate the name of a college facility or program in honor of the donor or another person. Scholarships, endowed chairs, lecture series, and faculty and staff awards programs are among the named gift opportunities, as are buildings or portions of buildings, including laboratories and conference rooms. Naming opportunities range from $10,000 to $5,000,000 and are offered in recognition of a single, tax-deductible, irrevocable gift or written pledge made over a specified period of time.

| WARRINGTON CAMPUS | |
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| **Vet Tech Building** | **$750,000** |
| Lecture Hall | $100,000 |
| Dean's Suite | $75,000 |
| Vet Tech Labs | $50,000 |
| Vet Tech Classrooms | $25,000 |

*"The Veterinary Technician program at PSC has been invaluable for preparing skilled and informed professionals in our field. The faculty has done an incredible job of growing a culture of community among the future technicians. For the shelter in particular, students have not only participated in clinical rotation with us as part of their study program, but have on several occasions given time and supplies to help the pets of Escambia County. From volunteering with shelter pets, to providing for everyday needs most people would not even think about, the faculty and students of the PSC Veterinary Technician Program have been proven to be an asset to our community."* Julia Carney, Escambia County Animal Shelter

| The Vet Tech Program spays/neuters nearly 60 pets each year. |
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| Practicum placement facilities include: |
| Animal Hospital of Pensacola |
| Friendship Veterinary Hospital |
| Parkway Animal Hospital |
| Escambia County Animal Shelter and Emergency Referral Center |

**Vet Tech Facts**

Graduates from the Veterinary Technology Program work in clinics, shelters or rescue organizations, medical and pharmaceutical research facilities, wildlife rehabilitation facilities, zoological parks and governmental agencies.

**Veterinary Technicians**

Care for clinical instruments and equipment, prepare animals for treatment or surgical procedures and fill prescriptions prescribed by the veterinarian. Veterinary Technicians complete routine laboratory tests, and record the results. They give medicines to animals, and perform post-operative medical treatment as needed.

**Veterinary Technologists**

Observe the behavior and condition of animals, and monitor their clinical symptoms. They maintain controlled drug inventory and related log books. They also perform laboratory tests on blood, urine, and feces, such as urinalyses and blood counts, to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of animal health problems. They collect, prepare, and label samples for laboratory testing, culture, or microscopic examination as well as assist professional staff with research projects in veterinary medicine, public health, or research laboratories.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

**CAPITAL NEEDS:**

Renovation of our classrooms and labs would provide a more real-world for students who will be employed in clinics with state-of-the-art equipment. Having more lab space will increase the opportunity for a fully "hands-on" experience, allowing students to compete for positions where the most recent technology is used. Smaller class sizes, a result of more lab availability, will provide more class sections of anesthesia and dentistry.

Simulators such as intubation models, anatomy and surgery simulators, and urinary catheter simulators would decrease reliance on the availability of live animals, and will allow students to gain skills prior to working in the live animal labs. Simulators range in cost from $2000 - $20,000.

Another capital need relates to needed access to/ procurement of large animal patients such as cattle, horses and goats, so that PSC students can assist in large animal treatment. This type of availability would provide a more well-rounded educational experience for students and improve our graduates' marketability in the workforce.

**STUDENT NEEDS:**

The Vet Tech program requires many other expenses, which often aren't covered by traditional scholarships. Those fees total $1,440.00 per student and include items such as uniforms, textbooks, stethoscopes and other medical tools. Veterinary exam preparatory courses and the Vet Tech National Exam can add an additional $494.00 to student costs.