



SPRING 2025
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6-8 P.M., CST
BEGINNING TUES., MARCH 25

VTNE **MASTERCLASS**

An Introductory Course Preparing You for the Veterinary Technician National Exam!

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Date	Session	Topic	Schedule
<u>Week 1</u>			Weekly, 6-8 p.m., CST
AAVSB VTNE Overview On-demand video	Pre-course	Learn about the application, how it is administered, how to register	
Tues., March 25	1	Large Animal Care	 
Thurs., March 27	2	Pharmacology	 
<u>Week 2</u>			
Tues., April 1	3	Medical Math	
Thurs., April 3	4	Anesthesia/Analgesia	
<u>Week 3</u>			
Tues., April 8	5	Diagnostic Imaging	 
Thurs., April 10	6	Clinical Pathology	

Course Descriptions & Objectives



American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) VTNE Discussion/Overview Presentation: On-demand video



Participants will learn/understand the updated, streamlined, two-part VTNE application process, will review application cutoffs, understand the new exam administration window, where to find and how to use AAVSB resources on its website, and what to expect on exam day. (Available soon.)



Session 1 - Large Animal Care: Tues., March 25, 6-8 p.m.



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Objectives

Review the fundamentals of handling, restraint, nutrition and common medical procedures for livestock and equine patients.

- Understand disease prevention, fluid therapy and wound management.



Session 2 - Pharmacology: Thurs., March 27, 6-8 p.m.



KGS VTNE Tutoring

Objectives

- Focus on drug classifications, mechanisms of action, dosages, routes of administration and potential side effects.
- Review controlled substances regulations and calculations for proper medication dosing.

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Session 3 - Medical Math: Tues., April 1, 6-8 p.m.



Objectives

- Practice dosage calculations, fluid rate adjustments, dilutions and conversions between metric and household units to ensure accurate medication administration.



Session 4 - Anesthesia/Analgesia: Thurs., April 3, 6-8 p.m.



Objectives

- Study anesthetic protocols, monitoring techniques, pain management strategies and emergency interventions to ensure safe sedation and pain control in veterinary patients.



Session 5 - Diagnostic Imaging: Tues., April 8, 6-8 p.m.



Objectives

- Review radiographic positioning, exposure settings, safety precautions and interpretation of X-rays, ultrasound and other imaging modalities used in veterinary diagnostics.



Session 6 - Clinical Pathology: Thurs., April 10, 6-8 p.m.



Objectives

- Understand laboratory procedures, including hematology, urinalysis, cytology and biochemical testing to assist in disease diagnosis and patient monitoring.

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Presenters



Sam Geiling, RVT: Sam is a credentialed veterinary technician, a Navy veteran and educator. She has taught for more than a decade in many areas of veterinary technology, including her favorite, laboratory techniques. She can build confidence with sample preparation, microscopic review and provide results to a veterinarian, even for those with no prior microscope or laboratory experience. She is passionate about ensuring microscopy skills are preserved in clinical practice.



Amanda Hackerott, RVT, Director: Amanda is an RVT from Kansas, currently the program director for a vet tech program in Wichita. She graduated with her vet tech degree from Carrington College in California in 2011, her undergrad in Workforce Leadership and Applied Learning in 2020 from Wichita State University, and she will finish her master's in education this year from Pittsburg State University. Her clinical background is primarily in emergency medicine with experience in shelter medicine in addition to volunteering both locally and internationally. Amanda enjoys teaching anatomy, parasitology and large animal nursing. In her words: "The best thing about teaching is watching students learn to trust themselves and their knowledge."



Alyssa Mages, BS, CVT, Co-Founder/Chief Visionary Officer: Alyssa is the Chief Visionary Officer (CVO) of Empowering Veterinary Teams® (EVT) where she oversees content development, clinical skills training and strategic growth. With a BS in Marine Biology and an AS in Veterinary Technology (CVT), she has 20 years of veterinary experience and has worked in various veterinary sectors, holding leadership roles such as Lead Veterinary Technician, Adjunct Professor and Education & Development Coordinator. Beyond EVT, she serves on the Board of Directors for Pawsibilities VetMed and GIVE, advises BlendVet, and directs MentorVet Tech. She also co-founded nûrtûr as Director of Veterinary Strategy and the non-profit Project Sticker. A recognized Key Opinion Leader (KOL) and speaker, Alyssa has presented at national conferences, co-authored a book, contributed to a textbook and appeared in multiple articles and podcasts. Through her VetUp online certificate program, she equips veterinary teams with tools for professional growth and inclusivity, helping to strengthen the profession.



Nicholas Raimondi, MPH, CVT: Nicholas is a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) with a BS in Animal Science (Pre-Vet) from the University of New Hampshire and holds a master's in public health. His career began with volunteer work at the Mass Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, later gaining experience in ICU at Tufts University before joining Ocean State Veterinary Specialists as an emergency and anesthesia technician. He transitioned into education, teaching in veterinary assisting before becoming a full-time instructor at the New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) where he has taught for more than 11 years. Nick is also the Legislative Committee Chair for the Rhode Island Veterinary Technician Association (RIVTA) and part of the RIVMA/RIVTA Joint Committee on Veterinary Technician Advancement, advocating for mandatory licensure for veterinary technicians in Rhode Island. In addition to teaching, he provides per diem support at multiple veterinary practices.



Ashli Selke, RVT, CVT: Ashli, a dynamic force in veterinary education and leadership, serves as an Instructional Technologist at Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine. With more than a decade of rich experience and a background as a Navy veteran and military spouse, Ashli brings a unique perspective to her role. A trailblazer in association leadership, she earned recognition as the 2018 Arkansas Veterinary Technician of the Year. Currently making waves in Indiana, Ashli is the President-Elect of the Indiana Veterinary Technician Association, a sitting board member of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and holds a pivotal role as the Immediate Past President of NAVTA. Her passion for advocacy shines through as she spearheads NAVTA's Government Relations Committee, actively impacting legislation throughout the United States. Ashli is not just a leader, she's a catalyst for meaningful change in the veterinary profession, fervently championing the cause of veterinary technicians/nurses and elevating the entire field of veterinary medicine.



Kristy Stachelski, CVT, Owner: Kristy is a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) and passionate educator, specializing in VTNE readiness. With diverse experience in small animal general practice and emergency care, she understands the challenges of balancing school, work and exam preparation. As a VTNE tutor and founder of KGS VTNE Tutoring, Kristy empowers aspiring technicians with relatable guidance and personalized support to achieve exam success and unlock their career potential.



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