Newly Admitted VTDL Students

Congratulations on being admitted to the Purdue Veterinary Technology Distance Learning Program. There are several things you need to know or do as you prepare to start in the program.

☐ 1. Set up your Purdue career account. Setting up this account will give you access to Purdue email, and myPurdue (the student information portal). To begin the process go to: http://admissions.purdue.edu/youreaboilemaker/index.html

Chose the tab that says “Special Populations” Scroll down the page until you reach the heading “Veterinary Technology Distance Learning Students”

The Purdue VTDL requires you to use your Purdue email account. Do not forward your email to another account.

If you experience problems with your career account set-up, please contact the ITaP support desk at 765-494-4000. You will need to know your PUID when you talk to Itap.

☐ 2. You will receive a letter from the VTDL assigning you an academic advisor. If you have not received your letter, please contact the VTDL office (765-496-6579) or vettech@purdue.edu

☐ 3. As a new student, you are eligible to take the following courses:
   VM 10500 – Introduction to Veterinary Technology (1 credit hour)
   BMS 11500 – Anatomy for VT I (1.5 credit hours)
   BMS 13500 – Physiology for VT I (1 credit hour)
   ANSC 10100 – Animal Agriculture (Introduction to Animal Science) (3 credit hours)

New distance learning students often over-estimate what kind of a course load they think they will be able to take.

Generally every 1 credit hour of class is equal to 3 hours of study/credit/week. Distance learning students average about 3.5 credits per semester which is equal to 11–12 hours per week. Successful students are those that take the curriculum at a slow and steady pace.

The best way to start the program is with 1–2 classes. VM 10500 is a great start and if you wish to take a second class, then BMS 11500 is a good addition.

It is recommended to talk with your advisor about your course load each semester.