



## Consumer Disclosures: Veterinary Technology Program

To become a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) in the State of Ohio, you must:

1. Be a graduate of an American Veterinary Medical Association (“AVMA”) accredited program;
2. Take and successfully pass the Veterinary Technician National Exam (“VTNE”); and
3. Apply to the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (“OVMLB”) for licensure. As part of this license application procedure, you must submit to and pass a criminal background check.

The Veterinary Technician program at Stautzenberger College, Brecksville is accredited by the AVMA. It is designed to provide you with the resources and education necessary to take the VTNE.

Please note, however, that the material you learn while in college will span 27 months. Because of the comprehensive scope of the certification exam, the College highly recommends that you keep copies of your notes and study in preparation to take the exam. Some of this “exam review” is part of your final course at the College; it should not, however, be the sum total of your study/review effort!

Once you take (and pass) the VTNE, you must submit an application for licensure to the OVMLB. This application requires you to submit both an Official Transcript from the College and a criminal background check (HB104, March 2008). To ensure prompt processing of your background check, the College recommends that you complete the process prior to graduation. In general, you should expect the OVMLB to require at least four to six weeks to complete the process.

If you currently have a criminal conviction, the College recommends that you contact the OVMLB to ensure that you will be eligible for licensure prior to enrolling in the program. Only the OVMLB may determine which crimes will prevent licensure. No employee of the College has the ability or the knowledge to tell you whether a given criminal conviction will bar you from licensure. (Any conviction obtained while a student at the College may also prevent you from securing licensure. In the event that you are convicted of a crime while a student, the College also recommends that you contact the OVMLB to determine the impact (if any) it may have on your application for licensure.)

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