



Veterinary Assistant

Program Requirements

Rabies Vaccination Proof to be Submitted by August 1st

All students in the School of Veterinary Sciences require a rabies vaccination. It takes at least one month to complete this process. **It is recommended that you begin the process in the spring. Email proof of your rabies vaccination to vetsciences@northern.on.ca no later than August 1st.** See the rabies information sheet (attached) for more information, including what information should be available in the proof of vaccination that you submit.

Program Equipment List

You will need to purchase/bring:

- Closed toed, closed heeled indoor shoes
- (2) sets of scrubs or uniforms (any colour) (approx. \$30 - \$40 each)
- Good quality stethoscope; recommended is the 3M Littman® Classic III (approx. \$130)
- 1" wide nylon dog leash 5-6 feet long (any colour)
- Wristwatch with ability to count seconds (preferably not a Smart watch)
- Scientific calculator

Scrubs are available in the College bookstore and in many retail stores. Stethoscopes are also available in the College bookstore. You will need to use your stethoscope often therefore make sure to purchase one of good quality.

Kennel Duty Requirements – Important

Kennel Duty is a required course for all Veterinary Sciences students. Please be aware that Kennel Duty is scheduled at 6:00 am and 6:00 pm every day. Each student will have Kennel Duty each month, except for holiday periods. Unfortunately, our local transit system begins its daily runs at 6:00 am. Therefore, if you do not live within walking distance of the college, you will not make it on time for your shift. It's imperative that you arrive on time for each Kennel Duty shift. Please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements, when locating housing.

Laptop Requirements

Please note that ChromeBooks and other Tablets are not sufficient devices to be able to perform all required tasks as a Northern College student. For full laptop requirements please visit: <https://www.northerncollege.ca/students/services/technology/>.

Double Certificate Option

There is limited space in the Animal Grooming program. However, if the grooming program is not completely full, you may be able to take both the Animal Grooming program and the Veterinary



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Assistant program concurrently and graduate with a double certificate. Additional course fees will be applied to a Veterinary Assistant student who wants to add grooming courses. If interested in the double certificate program, contact the Veterinary Sciences Program Assistant at 705-672-3376, ext. 8854, or by email at vetsciences@northern.on.ca.

If you choose the double certificate option by adding Animal Grooming courses to your Veterinary Assistant program of study, you will need to purchase a College-selected grooming kit prior to the beginning of classes. The cost of the kit is approximately \$1300.

The necessary equipment has been carefully selected to provide you with everything you need (except dryers) to start your own grooming business after graduation.

How to Order the Grooming Kit:

Kits should be ordered at least two months prior to the start of the program. Call Diane Leonard at Ren's Pet Depot at 866.736.7738 ext. 232. Tell her that you are attending Northern College's Animal Grooming program and she will know which kit you will need. Provide Diane with a size for your grooming smock.

Note: If you do not want to purchase this College-selected kit, please be aware of the quality issues you may encounter, both in your course work and in your business when using less expensive equipment and products. The Animal Grooming professors definitely recommend that you purchase the College-selected kit.

For general questions contact Northern College's Admissions Office at 1.866.736.5877, or 705.235.7222. You can also email Admissions at admissions@northern.on.ca.

For additional program information contact:

Haileybury Campus

Kellie Broderick
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Our Veterinary Technician Program is accredited by:





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Rabies Vaccine Information

Cost: Approximately \$600.00

- It is recommended that you make an appointment with your family physician or local health unit to obtain a prescription. It takes at least one month to complete this two or three-step process (depending on type of vaccine). **START EARLY (in the spring)**.
- Ensure the rabies vaccine you obtain is in a series and is a vaccine for **PRE-EXPOSURE**. Post-exposure vaccines are not acceptable.
- Two manufacturers make a vaccine for use in humans. One is called RabAvert made by Merck Frosst and the other is called Imovax made by Aventis Pasteur.
- **Proof of vaccination must be emailed to vetsciences@northern.on.ca no later than August 1st**. Please have completed and return the attached Rabies Vaccine Confirmation form, or submit an official letter from the health unit or doctor's office which includes your name and the dates of administration of all doses; this letter should also list which vaccine you've received. Failure to submit acceptable proof of vaccination will result in students not being permitted to attend animal handling classes.
- **If you have been vaccinated for Rabies more than two years ago**, or if you last titre test was more than two years ago, you must provide an updated, adequate rabies titre result. A titre means that your blood will be analyzed and the level of protection you have against rabies will be measured. **Please email titre results to vetsciences@northern.on.ca no later than August 1st**.
- If you have questions about the timing of your rabies vaccine in relation to your Covid-19 vaccines, please contact us at vetsciences@northern.on.ca.
- Occasionally, the vaccine is on backorder. In this situation, students are to bring their prescription with them to Haileybury. Once the vaccine is available, students can make an appointment at our local Health Unit for administration of the vaccine. This is acceptable only if the rabies pre-exposure vaccine is on backorder.

Timiskaming Health Unit: (705) 647-4305

Patient Name		
Patient's Date of Birth		
Organization Administering Vaccines		
Organization Address		
Organization Telephone Number		
Vaccine Being Administered		
Date of 1 st Vaccine		Signature (of person administering vaccine)
		Printed Name
Date of 2 nd Vaccine		Signature (of person administering vaccine)
		Printed Name
Date of 3 rd Vaccine		Signature (of person administering vaccine)
		Printed Name

Instructions to Students: All students in the School of Veterinary Sciences require a rabies vaccination.

(For full information see Rabies Vaccine Information within the **Program Specific Information and Forms** found at <https://www.northern.on.ca/admissions-packages/>).

- If you have been vaccinated more than two years ago, or it's been more than two years since your last titre test, please submit an updated adequate rabies titre no later than August 1st.
- If it's been less than two years since your rabies vaccinations or last adequate titre test, please submit that proof to us no later than August 1st. Please refer to the rabies information sheet to see what information must be provided.
- For those who have not been vaccinated, it takes at least one month to complete this process. It is recommended that you begin the process in the spring.

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