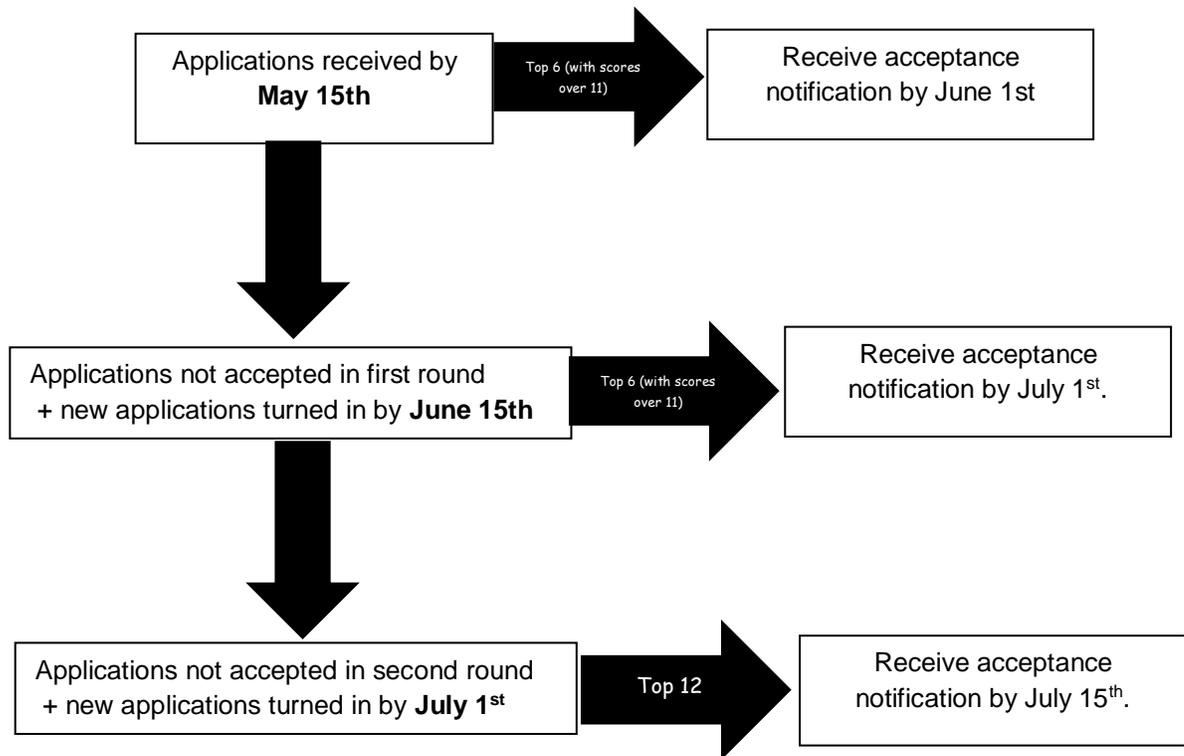


VETERINARY ASSISTING APPLICATION

Answer ALL questions. Please type or print. Mail to: Weatherford College
Life Sciences Department
225 College Park Drive
Weatherford, TX 76086



The number of students admitted to the Veterinary Assisting Program is limited. Students admitted into the program will be based on reading level, math ability, critical thinking, written communication skills, and understanding of the Veterinary Assistant's role in animal care. Selection is based on the following scoring method:

*Accuplacer- Math Score	*Accuplacer- Reading Score	*Critical Thinking	*Written Communication	*Understanding of Vet. Asst. Role
≥112 = 6 points	≥103 = 3 points	Meets all 5 criteria = 5	Meets all 5 criteria = 5	Experience and understands role = 3 points
100-111 = 5 points	90-102 = 2 points	Meets 4 criteria = 4	Meets 4 criteria = 4	Good Understanding of role = 2 points
90-99 = 4 points	80-89 = 1 point	Meets 3 criteria = 3	Meets 3 criteria = 3	Fair Understanding of role = 1 point
80-89 = 3 points		Meets 2 criteria = 2	Meets 2 criteria = 2	
70-79 = 2 points		Meets 1 criteria = 1	Meets 1 criteria = 1	
63-69 = 1 point				

*Accuplacer scores must be within two years of application date

+Answers to question scored based on rubric.

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Mailing Address _____ Permanent Address _____
_____ (if different) _____

Texas County of Residence _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

In case of Emergency notify _____
Name _____ Relationship _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Attach a copy of your Accuplacer Scores.

Answer the following questions completely using correct sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation. Responses to the questions will be evaluated for critical thinking, written communication, and an understanding of the role of the veterinary assistant. There is no **correct answer** to these questions, it is your ability to reason and communicate that reasoning that is being evaluated. Limit your response to each question and/or subsection of a question to **1000 characters**.

1) An owner brings in a dog, the animal is having trouble breathing. You ask the owner about the dog's behavior since the owner noticed the dog's trouble breathing. The owner reported that the dog had been less active than usual, having seizures, hasn't been able to jump on the bed, and hasn't been eating.

a) Which of the following symptom(s) would be a result of the dog's inability to breathe properly, a) being less active than usual, b) seizures, c) not being able to jump up on the bed as usual, d) not eating.
Explain your reasoning.

b) Which of the following drugs would be the best option for treatment with what you currently know?
Explain your reasoning.

Drug A to help calm the dog. A side effect of Drug A is that they slow down the breathing.

Drug B helps dilate the air passageways in the lungs. A side effect of Drug B is increased heart rate and excitability.

Drug C reduces an allergic reaction which can reduce the airways. A side effect of Drug C is sleepiness.

2) Describe your experience with animals and why you want to become a veterinary assistant.

3) A horse's owner is unable to afford treatment for a non-life threatening illness and has asked that the horse be euthanized. How do you feel about this and how would you respond to the owner?