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New England Institute of Technology to Offer R.I.’s First Certified Veterinary Technology Program

East Greenwich, R.I. – Dr. Thomas F. Wylie, Senior Vice President and Provost at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), announced the start of its new Associate in Science degree program in Veterinary Technology. The official launch date of Rhode Island’s first-ever certified Veterinary Technology program is January 3, 2012. Individuals interested in learning about this new cutting-edge program may call the college’s Admissions office at 1-800-736-7744 or 401-467-7744.

Darlene Jones, DVM, a University of Rhode Island Professor of Animal Science and a Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association (RIVMA) Board member, has been working with the faculty and administration at NEIT to develop this program. The Associate in Science degree program in Veterinary Technology will prepare students as entry-level veterinary technicians. The curriculum, which has been developed in accordance with the American Veterinary Medical Association’s (AVMA) accreditation guidelines, will provide students with the foundation needed to develop the required critical thinking, managerial, and clinical professional skills required to perform as effective members of the veterinary health care team. Students will be consistently exposed to veterinary team concepts as well as appropriate professional and ethical conduct.

According to Wylie, “Our students will be required to complete specific hands-on veterinary technology coursework along with an integrated liberal arts core. Everyone must complete a minimum of 240 hours of practical clinical experience at an off-campus veterinary facility that will be scheduled around the students’ program. As with all of our Associate in Science degree programs, students may earn an Associate in Science degree in Veterinary Technology in as little as 18 months if they plan carefully.”

This program will seek accreditation by the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities in this Fall. The training provided will prepare graduates to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE), which will qualify them for diverse career opportunities including private veterinary practice, biomedical research, academia, food safety inspection, and other health-related fields. All students who graduate after accreditation has been granted will be recognized as graduates of an accredited veterinary technology program.
Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology, a private, non-profit, technical college with an enrollment of more than 3,000 students in over 30 Associate, Bachelor and Master’s degree programs, is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. Visit www.neit.edu or follow news of the college on Facebook and Twitter.

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