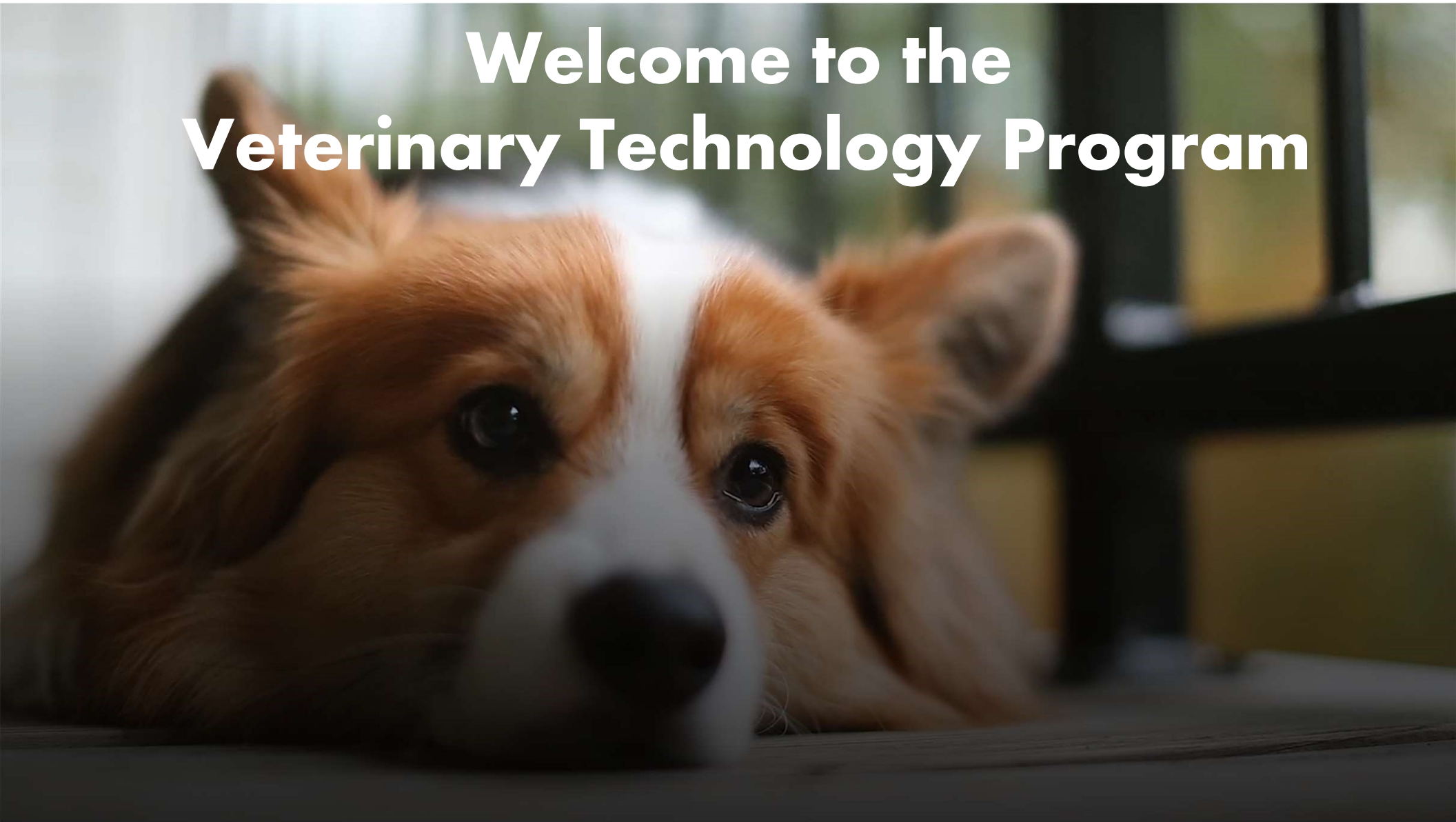


# **Welcome to the Veterinary Technology Program**



# Our Program Mission

- + Trident Technical College's Veterinary Technology Program's goal is to produce caring, compassionate graduates that have both the intellectual knowledge base and the hands-on capabilities required to meet the demands and challenges of providing compassionate veterinary nursing care.
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- + Upon graduation, students will be eligible to take both the Veterinary Technician National Exam and the South Carolina Licensing Exam. Successful completion of these two exams will afford the graduate an opportunity to be recognized as a licensed veterinary technician.

# **The Veterinary Technician's Oath**

- "I solemnly dedicate myself to aiding animals and society by providing excellent care and services for animals, by alleviating animal suffering, and by promoting public health.
- I accept my obligations to practice my profession conscientiously and with sensitivity, adhering to the profession's Code of Ethics and furthering my Knowledge and competence through a commitment to lifelong learning."

# What is Veterinary Technology

- Veterinary Technicians can do everything a Veterinarian can do except diagnose, prescribe and perform surgery.
- While the majority of Veterinary Technicians are employed in private practice, the demand for skilled technicians is rapidly expanding to include employment opportunities in both human and animal related fields.
- This program is an introduction to the foundations of Veterinary Technology opportunities from which a student can grow a career in many different directions. Opportunities are numerous; often the choice of which direction to take is one of the more difficult aspects for graduates.

# Our Philosophy

- + As an integral part of Trident Technical College, the Veterinary Technology Program derives its overall purpose and function from the Mission Statement of Trident Technical College and the Veterinary Technician Code of Ethics. It subscribes to the College's mission to prepare individuals with marketable professional skills and to promote the high standards of the Veterinary Medical Profession.
- + With our program at Berkeley campus we are in the heart of a quickly growing veterinary community. The latest employment outlook shows that Veterinary Technology jobs will increase by 20% between 2016 and 2026. More and more veterinary practices in the area are recruiting as they recognize the positive impact that formally trained technicians can have on their practices.

# Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes:

- + The Veterinary Technology Program has established goals and student learning objectives in accordance with the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.
- + Student learning is measured utilizing a variety of tools including student assignments, clinical evaluations, procedural competencies, laboratory assessments, employer follow-up surveys, graduate follow-up surveys, etc.

# Program Accreditation:

- + The Veterinary Technology Program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA). Students must be graduates of an accredited Veterinary Technology program in order to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam and the South Carolina state licensing Exam.



# Workforce Options

- Private Practice (Clinic/Hospital/Specialty Practice/Home)
- Humane Societies and Animal Control Facilities
- Military Service
- Veterinary Supply Sales
- Zoos and Wildlife Facilities
- Food Safety Inspection
- Drug and Feed Manufacturing Companies
- Diagnostic Laboratories



# Introduction

- + The following information has been prepared to assist the Veterinary Technology student in becoming qualified for acceptance into the Veterinary Technology Program. It is essential that the student **READ** and **FOLLOW** this information very carefully.
- + Students must ensure they meet the General College Admission Requirements and the Veterinary Technology Program Admission Requirements.
- + Admission is based on a **FIRST-QUALIFIED FIRST-ADMITTED** basis.

# Veterinary Technology Admissions Process:

## + **Veterinary Technology Application**

- **Step-1**–Apply for your major or change your major.
- Major to choose – Associate in Science – Health Science Prep. This major allows students access to the separate Health Sciences application and allows students to work on any remaining prerequisite courses for the program.
- You can request a change of major by submitting a [Change of Major Request](#) online.

# Veterinary Technology Application Process, cont.

- **Step-2** – Complete the Health Sciences application for the Veterinary Technology program immediately. Please **DO NOT** wait until all of your pre-requisites are completed to fill this out. Students are admitted into the program on a first qualified first admitted basis.
- Example: If you and 10 other students all have your prerequisites completed at the same time and have turned in your Statement of Completion form, the student with the application that was turned in first will be placed first in the next open class.

# Veterinary Technology Application Process, **Step 2 cont.**

- You can locate the online application on the Trident Technical College's website. Find this form on our website at: <https://www.tridenttech.edu/academics/divisions/hlthsc/index.htm>
- The Health Sciences application will be at the bottom of the webpage under "Forms".
- Your application will be reviewed by the Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator once submitted. After your record is reviewed, you will be sent an email to your my.tridenttech.edu email account with an update regarding your status and next steps. **KEEP THIS EMAIL!**

# Veterinary Technology Application Admission Requirements:

## + **Step 3 – Complete and Submit Prerequisites**

- These include: BIO 101, BIO 225, and VET 105.
- VET-105 is only offered online in Fall 1, Spring 1 and Summer.

# Follow-up

## + **Step 4 - Complete 20 hours of observation**

- You **WILL NOT** be admitted into the Veterinary Technology Program until these 20 hours have been completed and the "Observation Work Sheet" has been submitted to the Admissions Office on the Thornely Campus.
- The link to this form will be provided in the application status email you receive after submitting the Health Sciences application online. It can also be found on the Health Sciences webpage under Forms or on the Veterinary Technology webpage.

# Veterinary Technology Admissions Process, cont.

- You must do your observation hours under the guidance of a Licensed Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian. You may do your hours at a shelter if you are observing veterinary medicine being performed.
- When contacting a local clinic to ask permission to complete these hours, make sure you tell them you need these hours in order to apply to the Veterinary Technology Program at Trident Technical College.
- Please remember that local clinics are very busy, so do not wait until the last minute to set these hours up.
- We **do not** have a list of clinics to use; you will have to call around to find someone available to help you complete this part of your application.

# College Admission Requirements:

- + **College Admission Requirements and the Veterinary Technology Admission Requirements**
- + **Step 5 – Statement of Completion Form**
  - Once you have completed all prerequisites, you can submit your [Statement of Completion](#) form online. The link will be provided in the application status email you receive after submitting the Health Sciences application online or found on the Health Sciences webpage online. Submission of this form will begin your acceptance review process.
  - If you do not turn in the form you will not receive a spot for the Veterinary Technology Program.



# College Admission Requirements:

- + Please note: The Veterinary Technology Program currently has a waiting list. If you have completed all your prerequisites and are waiting to get into the program there are some general education classes that must be completed in order for you to get your Veterinary Technology degree. These classes can be taken before you are admitted into the Veterinary Technology Program. These classes are: PSY-201, PHI-110, MAT-120 or MAT-110. These classes can be taken on any campus, at any time, and in any order.

# Veterinary Technology Admissions, cont.

- + **What if you do not hear from admissions after submission of the Certificate of Completion?**
- Contact the Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator at [HealthSciencesAdmissions@tridenttech.edu](mailto:HealthSciencesAdmissions@tridenttech.edu) if you have submitted your Statement of Completion form and have not heard back within two weeks.
- Be certain that all of your contact information is up to date and complete in the registration system so that they can contact you easily.
  - The phone number for the Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator is (843) 574-6460

# **Veterinary Technology Admissions, cont.**

- + Please be advised that the above is a generalized list of items that must be completed and have not been modified to fit your individual needs.
- + This list may change due to your placement test scores, transfer credits or grades for classes you have already taken at Trident Technical College.

# Questions regarding financial aid:

+ **Financial aid office 843-574-6777**

1. Status of your FASFA application
2. Billing
3. Scholarships
4. Financial aid status

# Questions regarding admissions

+ **Admissions office 843-574-6558**

1. Transfer credits
2. Transcripts
3. Application to the college
4. Veterinary Technology Application

# Questions regarding health science admissions

+ **Health Science Coordinator (email only):** [HealthSciencesAdmissions@tridenttech.edu](mailto:HealthSciencesAdmissions@tridenttech.edu)

1. Wait list questions
2. Completion of application

# FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM:

## + **Step 5 – Attend Orientation**

- You will be notified of and must attend an orientation session prior to the first day of class.
- Orientation is designed to introduce you to the program, class format and structure as well as go over student expectations and your professional practice experience requirements in more detail.
- Purchase your books before the first day of class.

# Preparation for Practical Experience

- + Prior to starting clinical rotations, students will be required to provide the following to the Clinical Coordinator, specific due date and instructions to be given at orientation:
  1. Completed Student Health Record – exam by MD, DO, NP or PA
  2. Proof of major medical insurance coverage.
  3. Proof of current immunizations to include, but not limited to:
    - Tetanus
    - Rabies vaccination series- no exemptions will be allowed for this vaccination, student who do not receive this vaccine can not continue in the Veterinary Technology Program
  4. Background check
- + \* Do NOT get a background check until you have been given instructions to do so by a member of the Veterinary Technology Program. This item is specific to our program and must be performed by a contracted company.



# Frequently asked questions:

1. Are any of the Veterinary Technology classes offered online?

- + **Answer:** Yes. Vet-105 is only offered online. All other Veterinary Technology classes are held at the Berkeley Campus in Moncks Corner.

2. What hours will I be attending class?

- + **Answer:** Students are generally in class Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm.

3. I want to be a Veterinarian some day. Will the Veterinary Technology Program help me get into veterinary school?

- + **Answer:** The Veterinary Technology Program is NOT a stepping stone to becoming a veterinarian. The classes taken to be a Veterinary Technology will not transfer as credits to be a veterinarian. The best course of action while at TTC to pursue being a Veterinarian is to get an Associate in Science degree while working with a transfer advisor.

# What is the Program Structure?

- + Students enrolled in the Veterinary Technology Program will follow a 5 semester curriculum following the prerequisites with general education and professional courses being taught in a mixed mode at the Berkeley Campus and at affiliate clinical facilities.
- + All courses are taught during daytime hours and/or online (for general education classes).
- + All Veterinary Technology classes are taught at the Berkeley Campus location.

# Advanced Standing:

- Each student is required to make an appointment with his/her advisor during the FIRST SEMESTER to identify course substitutions to assure matriculation through the program. Students must graduate on time. See the College Catalogue for further information on Advanced Standing.
- Have official transcripts from your other schools sent to the registrar's office to receive credit for as much previous work as possible. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure these transcripts have been sent to the college.

# Completion:

- + **What is the degree awarded upon completion?**
  - Upon completion of the program, the student will receive an Associate in Applied Science degree.
  
- + **What credential exam will the student sit upon completion?**
  - Upon completion of the program, the student will be prepared to sit both the Veterinary Technician National Exam and the South Carolina Licensing Exam.

# **ATTENDANCE / PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR:**

- Veterinary Medicine is a profession that requires responsible individuals. Promptness is extremely important, and it is a goal of this program to prepare the student for the responsibilities of the profession. Students will be expected to exhibit professional behavior at all times as they become members of the health care team. Professional development is assessed in each course and clinical evaluations will be used to evaluate your progress. Soft skills for the workplace will also be taught throughout the program and evaluated as part of your professional development.
- Because each class is offered only once throughout the Veterinary Technology Program, class attendance is mandatory. Extreme circumstances will be given consideration by the program director.

# PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

## continued:

- Veterinary Technology is a licensed profession requiring a high standard of behavior. Because professionals are invested with trust by the community, we are bound by legal, ethical and moral obligations in addition to those common to every other member of society.
- Knowledge of and adherence to a professional standard of behavior is an integral part of the Veterinary Technology curriculum.
- The program requires that all students act professionally at all times.
- Condoning unprofessional behavior by others is also a violation of ethical conduct.

# **PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR continued:**

- Violations of the requirement of professional conduct may include but are not limited to the following: theft, aggressive words or actions, egregious rudeness, lying, cheating, destruction of equipment, misuse of supplies, drug and/or alcohol use on campus or during mandatory program related activities, and poor treatment of animals.
- Violations of professional standards may result in penalties ranging from a failing grade to expulsion from the program.

# ATTENDANCE / PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR:

- A student who receives a **W**, **D** or **F** in any required curriculum course or **who receives an unacceptable professional behavior grade** in any Veterinary Technology (VET) course will not be continued in the program.
- A student may request to be considered for readmission by submitting a **typed** letter to the Program Coordinator; however, readmission **is not** automatic or guaranteed.
- Students may be considered for readmission to the same program **one time only**, with conditions. These conditions are expanded upon in the Veterinary Technology Program Student Policies and Procedures Manual.



# Logistics:

## + **TRANSPORTATION:**

- Following acceptance into the Veterinary Technology Program, students **MUST** have reliable transportation to and from clinical rotation sites and campus classes. Lack of transportation will not be a justifiable reason for missing class or clinic.

## + **PARKING:**

- While enrolled in the program, parking at clinical rotation sites may not be provided free of charge. Students are responsible for any parking fees that they may incur.

# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

## + **NAVTA:**

- All students entering the Veterinary Technology Program become members of the Student Chapter of NAVTA (North American Veterinary Technician Association). Benefits of the membership include receiving the NAVTA Journal and the NAVTA-e newsletter, and access to the members only section on [navta.net](http://navta.net).

# SCAVT MEMBERSHIP

- + Patterson Veterinary Supply generously pays the annual dues so that all program students can be members of the South Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians (SCAVT). As a student member you will receive all of the benefits of membership including:
  1. Attending both the Spring and the Fall SCAV (South Carolina Association of Veterinarians) conferences free.
  2. The SCAVT quarterly newsletter.
  3. Access to the website that contains information just for veterinary technicians.
  4. Receive acknowledgement during Veterinary Technology week.

# **SCAVT MEMBERSHIP continued:**

- Several of the graduates from this program have gone on to serve as SCAVT district representatives to further promote the organization and the profession.
- At least one graduate has won the SCAVT Veterinary Technician of the Year Award.

\* All SC residents are eligible for approximately \$1,140.00/semester of state funded lottery tu

# PROGRAM ESTIMATED COSTS:

<b>Application Fee:</b>	<b>\$30.00</b> One time only
•Tuition (In State, In Tri-County)	\$11,698.78 paid to TTC
•In State, Out of County	\$12,979.08
•Out of State	\$22,142.68
•Books - amount varies per semester, Total for program	\$1,800.00
•Name Tags	\$10.50
•Stethoscope	\$35.00
•Uniforms	\$100.00 Total cost for program
•Background Check/Drug Screening	\$105.90
•Microscopy Learning System	\$40.00
•Radiology Dosimetry Badge	\$134.00
•Rabies Vaccination \$545.00, two injections totaling	\$1090.00
<b>•*TOTAL for In State, In-County Resident</b>	<b>\$15,004.18</b>

# COURSE PROGRESSION:

## + **COURSE PROGRESSION:**

- Once admitted to the program, an Veterinary Technician student is required to achieve at least a 2.0 GPA on all courses required for the program. If at any time, a student receives below a 2.0 for a course, he/she will be withdrawn from the program. Courses must be taken in the order published in the curriculum.

## + **READMISSION POLICY:**

- Students may seek readmission to health science programs **ONE TIME ONLY**. Students who are withdrawn or voluntarily withdraw from the program must adhere to the currently published Readmission Policy that is published in the Program Student Policies and Procedures Manual.

# **Veterinary Technology Program – Full Time Curriculum**

+ Follow link to view the program curriculum

[https://www.tridenttech.edu/academics/divisions/hlthsc/hlt  
hsc\\_vetTech.htm](https://www.tridenttech.edu/academics/divisions/hlthsc/hlt<br/>hsc_vetTech.htm)

# Veterinary Technology Program – Full Time Curriculum

- **Course Progression:** Once accepted into the program, students must earn a grade of C or better in each course and earn a grade of satisfactory on professional development evaluations in order to progress to the next semester.
- **Please Note:** All Health Sciences students are required to have drug screenings, criminal background checks, and a current Student Health Record with immunizations and titers. The drug screen, background check and Health records including immunizations will be explained in greater detail at the orientation meeting once you are accepted into the Veterinary Technology Program. This information must be obtained through a company chosen by Trident Technical College. Please, **DO NOT** get these tests done prior to starting the program unless directed to do so by the faculty of the Veterinary Technology Program. For more information, students may contact their Veterinary Technology advisor. NOTE: Falsification of any information submitted will make a student ineligible for admission to or continuation in the Veterinary Technology Program.



# Entrance and Completion:

- + **Entrance into and Completion of the Veterinary Technology Program**
- + Entrance into and completion of the Veterinary Technology Program is the first step to becoming a healthcare professional in a very diverse and rapidly growing career field. This program will expect you to perform at the same level a health care provider would expect from their teammates on the job.
- + **Take the Quiz at the following link:**  
[https://onlcourses.tridenttech.edu/d2l/lms/quizzing/admin/quizzes\\_manage.d2l?ou=185516](https://onlcourses.tridenttech.edu/d2l/lms/quizzing/admin/quizzes_manage.d2l?ou=185516)