



MANOR COLLEGE



Program of Veterinary Technology

MANOR COLLEGE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM HEALTH RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

Assumption of Risk: All VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM students working in Manor College veterinary facility, (and in any other areas, including but not limited to the horse farm and their externship,) encounter animals that may cause traumatic injury and/or expose them to infectious agents and zoonoses that cause disease. They will also be exposed to ionizing radiation (e.g. X-rays), volatile anesthetic gases, and chemical substances which can cause bodily harm. By enrolling in the VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM courses, students voluntarily acknowledge that these risks exist and assume the responsibility to act safely and responsibly at all times.

It is the policy of Manor College to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all persons working with animals in conjunction with the Program of Veterinary Technology including, but not limited to, students, faculty, volunteers and staff. Everyone is expected to act responsibly and in a safe manner at all times. However, because there are inherent risks in working with animals, it is not possible to avoid all risk. If you wish to participate in activities that involve working with animals, you must be willing to assume the risk that such participation could result in injury, or even death. The College has the right to make decisions concerning an individual's participation in any activity and may deny or limit such participation when it determines, in its sole discretion, that there may be a safety risk involved, that it does not have the capability to handle an individual's needs, or for any other appropriate reason. The College may request medical certification and input from a participant's physician. Everyone in the program is asked to respect our decisions as we strive to act in the best interests of all concerned.

Pregnancy: For the purpose of this Policy, pregnancy shall be considered a condition for which there are definite health concerns and considerations. These concerns and considerations include, but are not limited to: unseen risks to the developing fetus and/or expectant mother from exposure to radiation from x-rays and exposure to anesthetic gases or other chemical substances, as well as physical risks of injury from a kick, blow, bite, or other physical impact from an animal under examination or treatment. Therefore, it is for the safety of the fetus that pregnant students should notify the program director and clinical instructor of pregnancy status. A medical release signed by a physician, NP, or PA may be required for continued clinical practice.

Reportable Health Conditions: Any health condition, including pregnancy that might incapacitate the student and/or interfere with the student's ability to successfully perform essential functions should be reported to the clinical instructor as soon as the student is aware of such condition. A medical release signed by a physician, NP, or PA may be required for return to clinical practice.

Rabies: The level of risk for rabies exposure is dependent upon the geographical location of the Clinical Instruction Site, the type of animals to which the student is exposed, and the degree of contact with animals potentially carrying the rabies virus. The VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM student should be aware that all students enrolled in the Manor College Veterinary Technology Program are required to receive rabies pre-exposure vaccination series. The VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM student is expected

to consult with and be advised by his/her physician and appropriate public health authorities regarding rabies immunization.

Tetanus: If a student has never received tetanus immunization, the student should receive such immunizations as advised by his/her physician. If the student has had the initial series, they should consult with their physician as to whether a booster immunization is required.

Policy on Student Professional Liability

Procurement of professional liability insurance for students and preceptors participating in the VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM is the responsibility of the student and their preceptor(s). Manor College and its' officers, members, agents or employees cannot be held liable for student liability arising out of real or alleged wrongful acts or for payment of court costs, expert legal counsel, and claims adjusters from such acts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENT/APPLICANT

I, the undersigned student or applicant, have read the above information of the potential health risks involved with my participation in the VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. I understand that Manor College shall not be responsible for paying medical bills, costs, or expenses for injuries sustained by me while participating in the VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. I understand that all medical bills, costs, or expenses are my responsibility.

I further state that I have read and understood the policy on student professional liability insurance and responsibilities and agree to the terms of that policy.

_____I am currently covered by health insurance that will cover treatments for potential injuries and illnesses resulting from my participation in the VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

Printed Name of Student/Applicant_____

Student Number_____

Signature of Student/Applicant_____

Date_____