

CCCC Adjunct Connection



Featured Adjunct: Michelle Patterson Veterinary Instructor



Ms. Patterson became one of the first two adjuncts to join the Veterinary Technology program, along with Stephanie Cook, in 2015. Michelle completed a B.S. in biology at Elon University with plans for a pre-medical track. But when she spent a summer interning in a Veterinary hospital, she decided to change course, and completed an A.A.S. in Veterinary Medical Technology here at CCCC.

While continuing to practice as a technician in a local veterinary clinic, Ms. Patterson instructs courses in medical terminology for clinical practices, co-instructs parasitology and clinic practices, and finds time to tutor students. Her coworkers tell me she's devoted and focused. When asked, Michelle attributes her work ethic to her family's support of her pathway choice, and their encouragement to push forward and to be a positive person.

Ms. Patterson says she's motivated each day by her interaction with the students and the joy of watching them grow as they grasp concepts and techniques. She also appreciates the teamwork and support that's ever-present amongst the Vet Tech team, the care and company of their animal residents, the department's approach to mentoring new coworkers, and the teaching resources provided.

Michelle is more focused on developing her current skill level as a veterinary technician, instructor, tutor and employee. She also plans to continue to look for ways to improve student results and to seek solutions for day-to-day challenges.

When asked what she wants students to take away from her classes, in addition to mastering subject matter, Michelle stated, "perseverance with passion." She hopes to inspire Vet Med students to never give up, stay focused and to always remember why they entered the Veterinary Technology program.

Check out....

The Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) web pages to locate resources, training, or assistance with your instructional needs:

<http://www.cccc.edu/teaching-learning/>



Use the **Cougar Kudos** link to send a message of encouragement or congratulations:

<http://www.cccc.edu/teaching-learning/programs/cougar-kudos/>

Please forward a **campus resource** you'd like us to cover to Dr. Rodney Powell at 919-718-7462, rpowe757@ccc.edu.

Key Dates....

Registration Ends: 01/04 for 16 & first 8 wk courses, 02/04 for 12-wk & 03/04 2nd 8-wk

Classes Begin: 01/07 for 16-wk & first 8-wk courses, 02/05 for 12-wk & 03/05 for 2nd 8-wk courses

Last Day to Add: 01/10 for 16-wk, 01/08 for first 8-wk, 02/07 for 12-wk courses & 03/06 for 2nd 8-wk

Last Day to Drop: 01/15 for 16-wk, 01/10 for first 8-wk, 02/12 for 12-wk, & 03/08 for 2nd wk courses

Census/75% Refund: 01/16 for 16-wk, 01/10 for first 8-wk, 02/12 for 12-wk, & 03/08 for 2nd 8-wk courses

Student Holiday & Breaks as they fall within each 16-week and Accelerated session: January 21, March 11-12, April 17-18 and April 19

Last Day to Withdraw w/o WF: 04/03 for 16-wk, 02/18 for first 8-wk, 04/10 for 12-wk & 04/22 for 2nd 8-wk

Last Day of Term/Session: 05/06 for 16-wk, 03/04 for first 8-wk, 05/06 for 12-wk, 05/06 for 2nd 8-wk

Grades Due to Registrar: 05/06 for 16-wk, 03/05 for first 8-wk, 05/07 for 12-wk & 05/07 for 2nd 8-wk

Title IX Training due May 31, 2019, Use the CCCC Portal to access Hoonuit.
<http://www.cccc.edu/teaching-learning/training/>

Featured Department: Veterinary Technology Dr. Kim Browning, Chair



Veterinary Technology (Vet Tech) is a 52-year milestone curriculum for CCCC because it was the first of its kind in North Carolina. Accreditation was received in 1974. The program has continued to thrive and expand, currently twelfth in the nation out of 250+ programs.

Dr. Browning wants you to know that the faculty sets very high standards for the students, they begin each day with a focus on their educational pathways and each academic goal. Vet Tech provides a background in the sciences combined with the skills required to provide excellent animal patient care. Students study and perform tasks in a variety of settings to accomplish required skill sets and to become adept in practice.

Once a new Veterinary Technology instructor arrives they are paired with another instructor to help them acclimate to college processes and procedures. Dr. Browning takes them around to different offices that support both staff and students. Lunch time often becomes an informal opportunity as various instructors discuss challenges, strategies and updates. The department also holds staff meeting at least once a semester.

Team teaching is an integral part of their approach to learning, particularly with hands-on classes. Veterinary Technology is located on Lee Campus, allowing for easy access to teammates. CCCC recently held a ribbon cutting for the new Robert and Nannie Lou Dalrymple Veterinary Medical Technology Building, and the staff hopes to be operating from the building soon during Spring semester.

Instructors with questions may contact the Vet Tech team at 919-718-7266 for assistance. Students should be referred to admissions representatives Kanon Nixon 919-718-7236 or Chris Newcomb 919-718-7507. Extensive program information is also accessible from their website.