## Major Action Plan: Veterinary Technology

### What is YOUR passion?

- Veterinary Technician
- Animal Related Research
- Biomedical Research
- Teaching/Education
- Veterinary Practice Management
- USDA
- Regulatory Agencies
- Animal Shelter Management
- Humane Society
- ASPCA
- Animal Control Officer
- Animal Health Care Product Sales
- Companion Animal Industry
- Vet Supply/Pharmaceutical Sales
- Zoo Employment/Wildlife Parks
- Pet Store Manager
- Laboratory Technician
- Pharmaceutical Technical Representative
- Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the Occupational Outlook Handbook powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

### 3rd YEAR

- **YOUR Target Courses**
  - VETE 4208 should be completed prior to the end of your first year in the program.
  - Review of your Applied Associates of Science degree will be completed by the Veterinary Technology Program Coordinator, for fulfillment of the Occupational Specialization credit.

- **Find YOUR Way**
  - Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major.
  - Consider participating in an undergraduate research project.
  - Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals in your fields of interest.
  - Take part in the Official Ring Ceremony.

- **Sharpen YOUR Skills**
  - Consider taking on leadership roles within your student organizations and clubs.
  - Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through All For Good.
  - Need to get more experience and skills? Check out CareerOneStop.org sponsored by the US Department of Labor.
  - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or advisor for your concentration area.

- **YOUR Next Steps**
  - Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your job-search campaign, schedule mock interviews, resume critiques, and a Business Etiquette Dinner.
  - Create a LinkedIn profile to further your professional networking.
  - Check the Career Services calendar for career development workshops.
  - Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for TSU Graduate Studies.

### 4th YEAR

- **Complete remaining credit hours.**
  - Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - VETE 4209 is to be completed the final semester prior to graduation.

- **YOUR Target Courses**
  - Complete remaining credit hours.

- **Find YOUR Way**
  - Speak with the Program Coordinator about professional organizations in which you should join and that offer the Continuing Education Courses you must complete.
  - Suggested resources for internships can be found in the Career Service’s employment system or the College Internship Program’s website.

- **Sharpen YOUR Skills**
  - Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the Career Service’s employment system or the College Internship Program’s website.
  - With completion of the VETE-VPR program, coursework required to sit for the Certified Veterinary Practice Management Exam will be complete, research further requirements to achieve this certification.
  - Specializations in areas such as companion animal medicine, equine medicine, veterinary practice management, nutrition, forensics, and emergency veterinary medicine can be gained by completion of the coursework, seek opportunities to apply these skills.

- **YOUR Next Steps**
  - Upon completing your registration for your final semester, apply for GRADUATION!
  - Update your resume in Career Service’s employment system, Portfolio, and LinkedIn.
  - Compile reference letters, awards, etc.
  - Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews.
  - Attend job fairs and dress professionally.
  - Consider and review various job offers. If necessary, review information needed to negotiate a salary.
  - Graduate! Congratulations!
  - Join the Tarleton Alumni Association to stay connected to the University. BLEED PURPLE!