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BMCC to offer Vet Tech program to students through agreement with Colby Community College

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College students interested in a career as a Veterinary Technology now have the pathway to do so thanks to an articulation agreement between BMCC and Colby Community College in Colby, Kansas.

BMCC currently offers a one-year Veterinary Assistant Certificate program and, as part of the new FARM (Facility for Agricultural Resource Management) facility on the Pendleton campus, planned to develop and launch a 2-year Associate of Applied Science Veterinary Technology program. However, this is a costly program to develop – around \$250,000 – as it requires two full-time faculty members, including a licensed veterinarian.

BMCC chose to not launch its own program because of the exorbitant costs. However, due to student and community interest in the program, BMCC sought other options. BMCC reached out to Colby Community College, which as an approved Distance Learning Veterinary Technology program. Through a recently-signed Memorandum of Agreement between BMCC and CCC, students will complete prerequisite coursework at BMCC and then apply seamlessly to Colby's Distance Learning Vet Tech program.

Colby has a similar agreement with Rhodes State College in Ohio.

“Colby's program is rigorous and has excellent completion and job placement rates,” said BMCC Vice President of Instruction Mary Jeanne Kuhar. “BMCC is excited to embark on this wonderful partnership.”

Three veterinary clinics in eastern Oregon have already expressed interest in allowing Vet Tech students to gain the necessary hands-on skills at their facilities as part of the program. Students interested in the Vet Tech Program should visit www.bluecc.edu/vettech. For details about CCC's Vet Tech program, please visit www.colbycc.edu.

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