

# Verification Form

## **Program of Veterinary Technology- Manor College**

### **Why are rabies and tetanus immunizations, and health insurance required before matriculation?**

The Program's curriculum includes many laboratories in which students will be working directly with animals. Animals are unpredictable and can carry diseases that can be passed to humans. Though it is a rare disease, all mammals can carry rabies, particularly those with unknown immunization histories such as strays that come from shelters. The Program uses shelter animals in many of its courses. Therefore all students enrolled in the Program of Veterinary Technology must be immunized against Rabies (or be exempted by a physician). The rabies immunization series is a three (3) shot series that is usually **NOT** covered by personal health insurance. The cost of the series is about \$790, but this can increase without notice. All students must receive the full series and should allow 4-6 weeks for its completion.

Students can be exposed to viral and bacterial infections from bite wounds and other contact with animals, therefore all students in the Program must be immunized against tetanus and must carry health insurance during the duration of their matriculation.

Students are responsible for their own health care costs including the rabies immunization series. Most health insurance policies do not cover pre-exposure rabies immunizations.

### **How do I prove that I have received the rabies and tetanus immunizations?**

This form must be completed by the student and signed by the attending physician as verification of coverage. Students will not be permitted to take VT105 Large Animal Clinical and Emergency Procedures or any other course that requires hands-on training with animals until this form is completed and returned to the Veterinary Technology Office. Students should make a Xeroxed copy of this form when completed, for their own records.

### **Where can I go to get the immunizations?**

It is recommended that rabies immunizations be given by the Occupational and Environmental Health Department of a local or regional hospital and not by the family physician. We particularly recommend the **Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at the Abington Memorial Hospital**. Because many Manor Veterinary Technology students have been immunized there over the years, the physicians maintain the correct vaccines in stock and are familiar with their administration. For appointments call **(215) 481-5904**. Students should allow 4-6 weeks for completion of the rabies series. Tetanus boosters, if required, may also be given on one of the three days when rabies is administered. Incurred costs are the responsibility of the student and are typically not part of a financial aid budget.

Be sure to take this form with you and have it signed each time you go to your appointments. When completed, mail to: Dr. Joanna Bassert, Program of Veterinary Technology, Manor College, 700 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

**DO NOT return this form to the Admissions Office or the School Nurse.**



**Exemption**

The administration of rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis and/or tetanus toxoid may be contraindicated in students with some medical conditions. If the student is exempt from receiving these immunizations, the physician must sign below:

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(Physician's signature) (date)  
Immunizations **NOT** administered: Rabies\_\_\_\_\_ Tetanus toxoid\_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for exemption:\_\_\_\_\_

**Health Insurance:**

To confirm that you carry current and active health insurance, please Xerox a copy of your health care card and staple or tape the copy to this form in the space below.

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**Please complete this form together with the physician and return it to:**

**Dr. Joanna Bassert  
Program of Veterinary Technology  
Manor College  
700 Fox Chase Road  
Jenkintown, PA 19046**

**Forms must be received before matriculation.**

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or to the school nurse.**

**Give it only to the VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE.**

**Thank you!**

