Professional Development tract

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* The veterinary technology program through San Juan College is AVMA accredited and 100% online.
* Necessary prerequisite classes are:
  + Biology I
  + Technical Writing
  + Applied Math
  + Humanities
  + Interpersonal Communication
* Tuition and fees for the Veterinary Technician program runs about $6,000 without prerequisites.
  + Payments can be made by:
    - Full up front
    - Payment plans
    - Financial aid
  + Books run average of $100-$200 per semester
* Technical program:
  + 4 tiers of classes
    - Tier 1: Beginner
    - Tier 2: Intermediate
    - Tier 3: Advanced + competency video’s
    - Tier 4: A&P, large animal, exotic and ER/ICU
  + Before stating Tier 2 classes San Juan will need to approve your preceptor and clinical site. This is for competency tasks throughout the rest of your education. Each class has a different set of tasks that must be completed each semester. Failure to complete these tasks will give you an incomplete in the class. Approval forms must be submitted 90 days prior to class starting.
    - Preceptors must be:
      * DVM/VMD from an AVMA accredited school and licensed to work in their state
      * Be a graduate of an AVMA/CVTEA accredited Veterinary Technical school
      * Be a credentialed LVT or equivalent
      * Foreign credentials will be considered on case by case basis
    - Preceptor duties
      * Need to be available to monitor all hands-on tasks
      * Assist in assignments if needed , clarify material, answer questions or offer insight
      * Will take about 2 hours per week per class of clinic time
    - Clinic site:
      * Must be able to offer common companion animal species
      * Need the equipment necessary to complete all clinical tasks
      * Maintain high quality medical records
  + Classes
    - Each course is a 12 week course
    - Each week there will be a quiz over material covered that week
    - Expect to spend 3-4 hours per course in study time each week
    - Expect 2-3 tests in each class
    - Quizzes and tests can usually be taken 3 times with only the highest score counting
  + Competency list
    - Starting at tier 2, each class will have a set list of tasks to be completed
    - Completion of the list can take up to 20 hours a week with in the clinic, this can be volunteer or paid position
  + Small animal video Competency
    - Video assignment will be given in tier 3 classes.
    - Not due the semester given, just have to be done and passed prior to registering for any tier 4 classes
    - There are about 200 videos to be completed between the 3 sections
    - Video’s must be high quality and a tripod is highly recommended
    - It is helpful to have some sort of video editing software
    - Videos have a maximum time limit depending on the course
    - Can take 1-2 months to complete each video set.
    - These will be graded, if one task is failed you will only have to repeat that task not the entire video
  + Large animal video competency
    - Two options
      * Large animal video
        + Will need approved large animal site
      * Fast track lab
        + Held in Waco
        + 3 day large animal lab
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