Veterinary Technology Education:
The Traditional Classroom Approach
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In today’s world, there are many ways to approach education. Improvements in technology allow for better distance education with streaming video classes. But even with this great technology, there is still something to be said for the traditional classroom approach.

When choosing a veterinary technology program, I looked at both online courses and traditional classroom courses. Ultimately, it was my learning style that influence my decision. I am an old school kind of girl – no pun intended!!

Learning style is one of THE most important factors to consider when choosing the type of program that is going the be the perfect fit for you. Are you self-motivated and disciplined or are you more of a people-oriented person who enjoys a hands on approach to learning? Do you have a job that would allow flexibility to go to classes?

I have taken classes online and while I enjoyed the freedom of learning at my own pace, I missed the interaction of a classroom. There’s nothing like the hands on approach to me. It is what suits my style of learning the best. I have always been better at understanding when I can be right in the midst of the experience and have the one on one interaction of my classmates to add to that experience. This is also
true for the laboratories, as well. A hands on approach to a lab for me gives me a deeper understanding of the how and why of something.

Overall, it was this aspect of my learning style that helped me choose the traditional classroom approach to my education. I enjoy that personal interaction with my professors, classmates, and the hands on experience of labs that comes with the classroom. Plus, I also enjoy the easier access to resources such as the library and tutors.

In Texas, there are many programs to choose from across the state, including one that offers a Bachelor’s degree. Locally, Blinn College offers an Associate’s degree in Veterinary Technology. It is a relatively new program, so the class sizes are still small compared to other programs across the state. The smaller class size offers a more personalized experience in the classroom and lab. There is an application process for this program that requires an interview. New classes are accepted and started each Fall semester.