


LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

CONSORTIAL PROGRAM IN VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

The agreement of Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, and Lansing Community College, with respect to the consortial program in Veterinary Technology, is described in the following pages and, by signing below, each party agrees to be bound by the terms of the document.

Lansing Community College



Designee

6-25-93

Date

Michigan State University



Designee

4 Sept 1992

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College of Veterinary Medicine
Michigan State University
and
Lansing Community College

Consortial Program in Veterinary Technology

I. INTRODUCTION

The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), Michigan State University (MSU), in cooperation with Lansing Community College (LCC), jointly offer a program in veterinary technology. The program will enable students to begin their educational experience at Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan, and complete their studies in the College of Veterinary Medicine on the campus of Michigan State University. Students would receive their general education courses through LCC and the veterinary technician training will be provided by CVM. While the program is designed for two to three years, it may vary depending on the number of courses chosen by the student and the need for any prerequisite or general education courses. The students will be expected to meet the graduation requirements as defined by Lansing Community College for either the Associate's General Degree or the Associate in Science Degree and the requirements for the certificate program as defined by Michigan State University.

This program will be implemented Fall of 1992 and will be modified as necessary in 1993 to accommodate the completion of a coordinated semester transition at both institutions.

II. A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO MSU

MSU will review applications and admit students into the Veterinary Technology Program according to standards and policies set forth by the Office of Admissions and

Scholarships. Enrollment is limited to 40 students per class. Applicants may be required to participate in an assessment and selection process.

B. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO LCC

LCC will admit students with appropriate preparation according to the open-admissions policy as set forth by the Office of Admissions. Academic placement testing to assess proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics may be required prior to enrolling in general education classes. Students completing general education courses at LCC who wish to matriculate in the veterinary technology curriculum will be expected to make a formal application to the program.

C. ENROLLMENT STATUS

Upon admission to the program, students will register, pay fees, and receive financial aid from LCC for their first academic period. In subsequent terms, students will register, pay fees, and receive financial aid from MSU. For students pursuing the Associate in Arts degree in science, there may be terms when courses will be taken at both institutions. In that instance, students will be required to register and pay fees at each respective institution.

III. A. ACCESS TO MSU AND LCC FACILITIES

Students accepted into and in good standing with the Veterinary Technology Program, regardless of enrollment as an LCC students, will be granted those privileges and accesses provided for MSU students. Amenities include, but are not limited to, housing, commuter

parking, libraries, athletic facilities, student organizations, athletic tickets, and special events. Health care coverage is available through MSU with the purchase of a health card from Olin Health Center. Students enrolled in this program will also be eligible for an LCC student ID permitting facility utilization, library use, and other student opportunities associated with LCC student status. Students will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of both institutions.

B. FINANCIAL AID

Under this consortial agreement, the responsibility for providing financial aid will be a shared arrangement. LCC will accommodate those students who qualify for aid during the first term of the program. In subsequent terms, the majority of the course work will be provided by MSU. By the terms of the agreement, MSU will then assume the responsibility of processing and distributing aid. When students enroll at both institutions to complete program requirements, they will continue to receive their financial aid from MSU, to the extent that the students are eligible at MSU for financial assistance, as a part of the broad consortial commitment of the program.

IV. A. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Students enrolled in the Veterinary Technology Program are required to meet the academic standards as set forth by the MSU policy on the Academic Standing of Undergraduate Students (ASUS). Students will also be required to meet the academic standards at LCC. If the MSU and LCC standards differ, the more demanding of the two

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shall apply. The students' GPA will be monitored by the Veterinary Technology Program staff at MSU. The director of the Veterinary Technology Program will provide the LCC Registrar with a copy of each student's academic performance. These reports will be made within 10 days of the MSU grade reporting deadline for each respective term. Similarly, LCC will provide academic performance reports on a term by term basis for those courses registered with LCC. Reports will be provided for the director of the program within 10 days after the end of each respective LCC term.

For monitoring purposes, the GPA will be calculated from the composite GPAs earned at LCC and MSU. Any student whose academic record does not meet one or more of the requirements of the ASUS policy for the number of credits earned is subject to appropriate academic action.

In the event that the student meets LCC's academic status requirements but is recommended for dismissal from the Veterinary Technology Program based on MSU general or program requirements, the student will have the option to apply as an LCC student outside the Veterinary Technology Program. In this case, the student would receive general science transfer credit for all veterinary technology courses with an earned grade of 2.0 or higher. However, upon leaving the MSU Veterinary Technology Program, the student's MSU course grades would no longer be used in calculating the LCC GPA.

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B. DEGREE OPTIONS

Students enrolled in the Veterinary Technology Program have the option of working toward an Associate General or an Associate in Science Degree. The degrees will be

awarded by LCC upon the student's successful completion of the curriculum approved by both institutions. A total of 74 semester credits is required for the Associate General Degree, and 90 credits is required for the Associate in Science Degree. To qualify for either degree, students must successfully complete a minimum of 20 semester credits of general educational courses through LCC and 54 credits of veterinary technology course work through MSU.

Upon successful completion of all Associate Degree requirements, MSU will issue a Certificate of Completion. The awarding of this certificate will be the responsibility of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Students who possess an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree may be permitted to work toward the MSU Certificate of Completion. Students exercising this option must have credits equivalent to all general educational courses required for the Associate General Degree.

V. A. COURSE OFFERINGS

Special sections of LCC courses will sometimes be offered for students in the Veterinary Technology Program. These sections may be offered in the following ways:

1. Sections may be offered as LCC extension classes in which students pay tuition and fees directly to LCC. This will be the standard option during terms when students are enrolled exclusively in LCC courses according to the program curriculum guide. Minimum enrollment for such sections will be 15 students. In the event fewer than 15 students enroll, MSU may request that the sections be continued with the understanding that LCC will bill MSU for the difference between actual student-paid tuition and fees and an amount equal to the tuition and fees and an amount equal to the tuition and fees generated by 15 students.