

MCC Partners with Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine, expands experiences for MCC Veterinary Technology students

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MESA, Arizona – March 1, 2019 – Mesa Community College Veterinary Technology Program partners with Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), allowing MCC Veterinary Technology Program students opportunities to participate in bovine and necropsy skills labs and gain valuable learning experiences participating in small and large animal internships at CVM's Animal Health Institute in Glendale, Arizona.



"Our students will have opportunities to work alongside nationally respected veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians as they diagnose and treat animals of all sizes," said Kimberly Focht, D.V.M, director of the MCC Veterinary Technician Program.

Midwestern University's Large Animal Faculty hosted a bovine skills lab for second year MCC veterinary technology students, helping them acquire essential bovine skills required for graduation. MCC students learned how to properly and safely operate a cattle chute, perform physical exams and administer medications through interactions with the university's retired dairy cows that serve as teaching animals for veterinary students.

"Well-trained veterinary technicians are at the heart of the animal healthcare team, and we truly appreciate the opportunity to work with Dr. Focht and her students," said Thomas K. Graves, D.V.M., Ph.D., DACVIM, Dean of the Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine.

"We are excited to build and strengthen this partnership with Midwestern University to help the veterinary medical industry gain strong support staff in the veterinary technicians that graduate from the MCC American Veterinary Medical Association-accredited Veterinary Technology Program," said Focht.

Learn more about the MCC Veterinary Technology/Animal Health Program at mesacc.edu/programs/veterinary-technology.

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Mesa Community College is nationally recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the United States and is known for service learning, career and technical programs, civic engagement and innovative approaches to education. The college serves as a resource for career readiness, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to more than 30,000 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs online and at its two campuses and additional locations. Through the implementation of Guided Pathways with Integrated Support Services, MCC is transforming ways it champions student success; college completion, university transfer and career attainment for all students. MCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution with a diverse student body, including more than 400 international students representing over 60 countries, who enrich campus learning experiences. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training to empower MCC students to compete locally and globally. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, MCC is one of the 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Learn more at mesacc.edu.

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