

## Degree Awarded Upon Graduation

Graduating students earn an **Associate of Applied Science degree in Veterinary Technology**. This occupational-focused degree qualifies graduates as candidates for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) and to apply for Veterinary Technician credentialing with their state credentialing agency.

## Program Structure

- Bel-Rea runs four full quarters per year and **every class is offered each quarter!**
- The program is 125 quarter credit hours
- Bel-Rea offers four start dates per year

## Length of Program

- The length of the standard full-time program is **24 months**
- Students can complete the program over a shorter period with approved college coursework, military coursework, or AP exam transfer credits
- The maximum amount of attempted credits allowed is 1 1/2 times Bel-Rea's standard program of 125 credits: 187 credits

## 2018 Occupational Information

### From the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics:

- Job Outlook for 2016-2026: [Expected to grow 20%](#), **much faster than the average** for all occupations
- Occupational Classification: Veterinary Technology - Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code 29-2056
- Number of Jobs in 2016: 102,000

### From CareerOneStop:

- In 2018, veterinary technology was ranked as the [6th fastest growing](#) Associate Degree occupation

### From Projections Central:

- The long term occupational projection for veterinary technology in the State of Colorado is currently [36.5% growth through 2026](#) with a short term percentage change of [5.8% for 2017-2019](#)

## Employment/Placement Rates

Graduates from the graduation cohort are considered eligible for placement unless they meet one of the following five exemptions: Death, incarceration, active military service deployment, onset of a medical condition that prevents employment, or international students who return to their country of origin.

### Employment by Cohort Start Date (Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges/ACCSC format):

- Starting dates of students included in 2018 Annual Report: April 2014-January 2015
- Number of students who completed the program: 127
- Number not eligible for placement: 0%

- Number who reported employment in the field of veterinary technology: 104 graduates, an **82% employment rate**
- Number who reported pursuing further education: 0%
- Number who reported employment in a different field: 3 graduates, 2%
- Number unknown/not yet reported: 20 graduates, 16%

## Graduation Rates

**Graduation Rate** (Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges/ACCSC format, updated 5/2018):

- Starting dates of students included in 2018 Annual Report: April 2014-January 2015
- Number of starting students: 241
- Number that completed the program: 127 students, a **53% graduation rate**

**On-time Completion Rate** (Department of Education format):

- Most recently completed award year included in this report: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018
- Number of students who completed the program: 111
- Students that completed the program on the standard 24 month course plan (attended full-time and did not take any quarters off): 53 students, 48%
- Students that completed the program within 27 months (24 month program plus one additional quarter): 71 students, 64%

## Board Exam Results

**Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) 3-Year Summary for 7/2015-6/2018:**

- Number of students that graduated from Bel-Rea: 392
- Number of graduates that took the VTNE for the first time: 399
- Passing percentage for Bel-Rea graduates: 78.2%
- Passing percentage for all US/Canada graduates: 69.8%

## Cost

**Program Cost:**

Note: Your tuition amount will not change throughout the program with continual enrollment!

- Entire program tuition for all 2019 start dates: \$32,900
- Fees for labs, parking, etc.: \$0
- Approximate cost of books and supplies for the entire program: \$2,000

**2018 Approximate Cost of Living Expenses (outside of program):**

- Transportation for entire program: \$4,212
- Room and board for entire program - with parents: \$11,736
- Room and board for entire program - away from parents: \$25,848

## Net Price Calculator

The [Net Price Calculator](#) is available to assist students in estimating the cost of attendance for a nine month period at Bel-Rea. The estimate includes tuition, the approximate cost of books/supplies, and other potential expenses, along with an approximate amount of grant aid the student might expect to receive. These costs are based on the 2014-2015 award year. Federal Financial Aid and Veteran's Benefits are available to those who qualify and are not included in this Net Price Calculator.

## Financial Aid

**Disclosure of Median Loan Debt** (for the 2017-2018 award year):

- Title IV Loan Debt: Out of the 111 students who completed the program, 94 (84.7%) students borrowed Direct Student Loans; Median Direct Loan amount was \$27,022
- Private Educational Loan Debt: Out of the 111 students who completed the program, 17 (15.3%) students borrowed private loans; Median private loan amount was \$16,088

**Bel-Rea's Financial Aid Program Codes:**

- OPEID Code: 012670
- Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code: 51.0808
- 2 Digit Credential Level: 02 Associate Degree

## Cohort Default Rate (CDR)

**Bel-Rea's 2018 3-Year Cohort Default Rate is 2.6%**, which is **well below** the following national averages:

- 2-3 year proprietary schools (same type of program as Bel-Rea): 18.3%
- All schools: 10.8%

What is "cohort"?: In regards to CDR, a cohort is a 3 year group of student loan borrowers in repayment on what they borrowed from Federal Financial Aid to attend a specific school.

What is "default"?: If individuals default on their student loans, it means they failed to repay the money borrowed to attend school.

What is "CDR"?: "The cohort default rate, or CDR, is one measure of how well a school prepares its students for student loan repayment. Low CDRs indicated that schools are counseling their students to borrow as needed, stay aware of their repayment obligations, and understand the consequences of default." - [www.tgslc.org](http://www.tgslc.org)

In other words, **the lower the CDR percentage, the better!**

September 2018 U.S. Department of Education report available at: <https://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/defaultmanagement/schooltyperates.pdf>

## **Program Disclosure Information**

Effective July 1, 2011, all degree granting institutions that also participate in the Department of Education's Title IV financial aid programs are required to disclose information pertaining to Gainful Employment. This degree program/gainful employment page and the following is disclosure information for Bel-Rea Institute:

Downloadable Gainful Employment Information from this webpage

Link to Gainful Employment Disclosure Template

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