

### **STUDENT PREGNANCY STATUS POLICY**

Given the nature of the Program of Veterinary Technology, students may be exposed to traumatic injuries, zoonotic diseases, radiation, anesthetic gases, and chemicals that can cause bodily harm. It is the student's decision to voluntarily report on her pregnancy. In case the student decides to disclose her pregnancy, she must personally inform the Department director, Program director and Clinical Practice Coordinator.

Once the student discloses her pregnancy, she will receive guidance regarding the possible risks and hazards for her and the fetus during her pregnancy while completing her degree in Veterinary Technology. In addition, the student will be oriented about the expectations of meeting the same clinical and instructional criteria as the rest of the students.

After receiving the orientation, it is the student's responsibility to consult with her primary doctor. The student must complete the document Student Disclosure of Pregnancy. If the student chooses to remain enrolled in the courses and in the clinical rotation year, she will have to present a medical certificate that shows her estimated day of delivery. The original copy of the Student Disclosure of Pregnancy document will be kept in the student's file.