

**PROPOSAL TO REQUEST DESIGNATION OF A
ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE VETERINARY
TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL PURPOSE CENTER IN
SEMINOLE, FLORIDA**

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In accordance with Section 1001.02(1), (7)(e) Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0061, Florida Administrative Code, Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations, the St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees desires to establish a new special purpose center for its Veterinary Technology Center.

State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0061(6) states that: “Proposals to establish a special purpose center shall document the following:”

“(a) The proposed center is a part and consistent with the master plan of the community college.”

One of St. Petersburg College’s current Strategic Directives for 2006-2009 is to “G. Provide quality facilities and equipment to meet student and community needs.” Under this Directive is the specific 2008-2009 Institutional Objective 1 to “Update the planning, design and/or construction for the following major projects with continued emphasis on community, county and private partnerships...the Veterinary Technology Facility at the Pinellas County School Board Vocational Site.”

“(b) The proposed services are necessary to adequately serve the community college district.”

The Veterinary Technology Center site is a vital resource in the Veterinary Technology Program. Currently, St. Petersburg College has an existing partnership with the School Board of Pinellas County’s Seminole Vocational Education Center, Seminole, Florida. The School Board’s Veterinary Assisting Program is located at the 47-acre site, and St. Petersburg College students already utilize this site and its facilities for their large animal studies as part of an existing agreement with the School Board. They also have a barn, weighing tables and other facilities and related service areas that the college currently uses that cannot be added at the existing Health Education Center site due to restrictions.

All classrooms and laboratories designated for the Veterinary Technology Program at St. Petersburg College (SPC) are utilized. There is no room for expanding the existing veterinary technology program or for adding new ones on SPC’s Health Education Center site.

The Veterinary Technology Program provides and fills a need in our service area and nationwide through the online program, for hiring trained, well qualified employees in areas that require less than a four year degree. SPC is trying to fill these needs for trained veterinary technology employees. Currently, 96% of graduates from the On-Campus and Online Veterinary Technology Program are hired by employers in our region, and across the nation. SPC is fulfilling a need for appropriately trained Veterinary Technologists.

EMPLOYMENT RATE

	2005-06	2006-07
Associate of Science – Veterinary Technology Program	96 %	96%

Additionally, the SPC graduates in the Veterinary Technology Program are required to pass a licensure/certification test in Veterinary Technology. The Veterinary Technology Program assists in meeting their licensure requirements. Additionally, the program assists employers in retraining their current workforce and assisting the employers to keep their work force competent.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION RATE

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Veterinary Technology - On Campus	74%	81%	63%
Veterinary Technology - Online	96%	84%	85%

“(c) Projected enrollments justify expansion.”

SPC has sustained continuous enrollment growth over the past five years. Actual and projected full-time equivalent enrollments at St. Petersburg College are shown below, and the following table shows the numbers of students identified as being served by the Veterinary Technology Program from 2005-06 through 2007-08, and justify the need for identification of this site as a special purpose center:

Capital Outlay FTE Enrollments

#	Existing Sites with FTE	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1	EpiCenter	159	159	161	162	162	165
2	Clearwater Campus	2,839	2,862	2,883	2,907	2,927	2,848
3	St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus	3,386	2,839	2,735	2,633	2,529	2,422
4	Seminole Campus	803	808	815	822	828	834
5	Tarpon Springs Campus	2,008	2,024	2,039	2,055	2,071	2,085
8	Health Education Center	930	937	945	952	958	965
9	Allstate Center	341	344	346	349	351	353
15	Downtown Center	492	1067	1202	1336	1470	1602
16	Midtown Center	79	81	81	82	82	83
	Not Requiring Permanent Facilities	4,571	4,605	4,641	4,679	4,712	4,746
	Total	15,608	15,726	15,848	15,977	16,090	16,203

Capital Outlay FTE Enrollments for Veterinary Technology Program

	2005-06	2006-07
FTE for Veterinary Technology Program	182.30	189.07

“(d) Projected facility needs justify expansion.”

See “Exceptions to the Criteria” section below.

“(e) Proposed expansion is in conjunction with the other educational agencies within the community college district.”

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“(f) Alternatives were considered by the board of trustees.”

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Exceptions to the Criteria and Justification for Designation

St. Petersburg College has been long been working in partnership with the School Board of Pinellas County and its’ Seminole Vocational Education Center, Seminole, Florida site for the Veterinary Technology program. The Veterinary Technology Center site designation is a vital resource in the Veterinary Technology Program and St. Petersburg College currently has an existing partnership with the School Board of Pinellas County’s Seminole Vocational Education Center, Seminole, Florida. The School Board’s Veterinary Assisting Program is located at the 47-acre site, and St. Petersburg College students already utilize this site and its facilities for their large animal studies as part of an existing agreement with the School Board. They also have a barn, weighing tables and other facilities and related services that the college currently uses that cannot be conducted at St. Petersburg College sites due to restrictions at the sites.

The 26,000 square foot facility will provide for the consolidation of the large and small animal studies will assist in the accessibility of educational services to nearby and county residents and students, and become the veterinary technology education center for the community by the addition of the Veterinary Technology Building at the (Site 18) located at the School Board of Pinellas County Seminole Vocational Education Center.

APPENDIX A

BOARD OF TRUSTEE APPROVAL