

Training for veterinary technicians who intend to take the National Veterinary Technician Exam this summer can brush up during a “crash course” in late July, says Barbara Berg of Curtis. Vet techs must register by June 15 for the national exam which makes the timing of the “crash course” ideal.

Berg and Judy Bowmaster-Cole, both licensed veterinary technician instructors at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis, will teach a two-day preparatory course in North Platte on July 20 and 21.

“Come prepare yourself for the National Veterinary Technician licensing exam,” Berg urges individuals who have completed their academic training requirements, yet need to take the national examination to be able to become a licensed veterinary technician in Nebraska.

Individuals are eligible to work in private veterinary practices as veterinary assistants but cannot become licensed veterinary technicians and perform certain medical procedures without first successfully passing the national exam.

The next testing period is July 15-Aug. 15.

Berg and Bowmaster-Cole teach animal health, equine health, companion animal and veterinary technology classes. The NCTA vet tech program has been in place nearly 45 years, and was one of the first in the United States to be accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association in the early '70s.

The Saturday-Sunday, July 20-21 course will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT each day. Class registration information is available from NCTA at (308) 367-5222, or e-mail to [chauptman4@unl.edu](mailto:chauptman4@unl.edu).

Individuals previously taking the course may return at no charge. The course fee is \$150, of which \$50 is non-refundable. Class size is limited to 12 individuals.