



Veterinary Assistant

The Veterinary Assistant Profession

Veterinary Assisting is a rewarding career in a growing field. As a Veterinary Assistant, students can work with animals and be a part of a professional veterinary staff. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Employment of veterinary assistants and caretakers of laboratory animals is expected to grow 9% from 2014 to 2024.

The Veterinary Assistant program prepares learners for a new career in the field of veterinary medicine. Participants will learn about the care of animals as well as how to recognize signs of illness and disease in a variety of animals from common pets to exotic species. This program also covers interpersonal communication, interaction with clients and their animals, as well as how to assist the veterinarian during examinations. Through classroom lectures and hands on labs, students who complete this program will be prepared to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians in providing quality animal care including:

- Obtaining and recording patient information;
- Preparing patients, instruments and equipment for surgery;
- Collecting samples and perform certain lab procedures;
- Dressing wounds; assisting in diagnostic and medical procedures;
- Communicating with animal owners; and
- Feeding and caring for animals.

Course Hours: 100 hrs.
Clinical Hours: 40 hrs.
Student Tuition: \$2,099

April 26, 2021 – July 28, 2021
Mondays and Wednesdays
6:00pm – 9:30pm

Education & Certification

This 100 hour program provides instruction and training in the Veterinary Assistant field. This course includes but is not limited to the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in the care of animals as well as an understanding of the clerical/accounting duties necessary to maintain an efficient and competent front office.

Educational Requirements: People interested in becoming Veterinary Assistants should have a high school diploma or GED equivalent

Detailed Course Topics Covered

- Veterinary terminology; Anatomy & Physiology
- Veterinary Ethics; patient care & communication
- Assisting with:
 - Medical & dental veterinary procedures
 - nursing care of hospitalized animals
 - veterinary surgery
 - Administering medications as directed by the veterinarian
- Applying bandages and splints
- Sterilizing instruments; microbiology, cytology, parasitology and serology; lab tests
- IV initiation and fluid therapy
- Veterinary pharmacology & filling prescriptions
- Understanding animal behavior
- AKC, common canine and feline breeds
- Office procedures, booking appointments, billing and collections
- Interact with animals and their owners; obtain animal health histories and records; recognize signs and symptoms of illness and disease in animals
- Veterinary facility cleanliness and orderliness
- Health hazards in the veterinary practice
- Restraining and transporting animals to/from cages and stalls; bathing & exercising animals
- Identification, handling, and care of various exotic animal species

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