

# Animal Studies



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Americans spare no expense when it comes to pet care and pampering, spending billions of dollars a year on the four-legged creatures they consider members of the family. With so many people who are passionate about giving their pets the best, careers in animal-related services are strong options.

Greenville Technical College can prepare you to provide care in two different areas: health and grooming. Veterinarians rely on members of the office team to help provide the best service for patients. The veterinary technician supports the vet in a nurse's role, taking x-rays, drawing blood, inserting catheters, educating pet owners, and much more. The veterinary assistant is an important part of the veterinary office team, too, restraining pets during procedures, weighing animals, cleaning up after treatments, and performing other duties that keep the office running smoothly.

Groomers keep pets looking and smelling their best, and with 42% of America's dogs sleeping in the same bed as their owners, people pay a premium for services that would once have been considered a luxury. Groomers enjoy flexibility with regard to hours and work environment. Some open their own grooming businesses and others invest in the equipment needed to bring mobile services to clients.

## Job Outlook

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nationwide job demand is expected to grow much faster than average for veterinary assistants, technicians and professional groomers. The rising status of pets and the emergence of animal day care, gourmet food options, and expensive accessories ensure that this trend should continue.



## Program Options

- **Veterinary Assistant Certificate**
- **Professional Grooming and Animal Care Certificate**
- **Veterinary Technology Phase I**

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- **Veterinary Assistant Certificate**  
This eight-course program will prepare you to obtain animal health histories and records, provide specialized nursing care, and wash, feed, and care for animals, working in a private vet practice, animal shelter, humane society, animal hospital, lab or veterinary care facility.
- **Professional Grooming and Animal Care Certificate**  
Create your own schedule, working full-time or part-time for a grooming shop, veterinary practice, pet store, animal day care or boarding facility, or with your own grooming business. You'll gain hands-on experience through the college's pet grooming clinic as you take care of clients under the supervision of your instructor.
- **Veterinary Technology Phase I**  
The Veterinary Technology Phase I program at Greenville Technical College is the first phase of the Veterinary Technology Associate in Applied Science Degree program offered at Tri-County Technical College. Phase I consists of general education and foundational coursework including basic terminology, clinical techniques, and anatomy and physiology. Phase II includes labs, clinicals and internships. Graduates take state and national licensing exams to become licensed veterinary technicians (LVT).

## What you'll learn

Your courses will vary depending on your major, but some of the skills you'll learn may include

- Veterinary medical terminology
- Animal breeds & husbandry
- Small animal care & welfare
- Small animal behavior kennel management
- Animal nutrition
- Pharmacy skills

## How to get started?

For those considering enrolling in our program, the Animal Studies CareerTalk is a great place to start. Contact us for access to this presentation, or for more information about our program. Additional details about GTC's Animal Studies program can be found at [gvltec.edu/animal\\_studies](http://gvltec.edu/animal_studies).