

Small Animal Care Certificate in Health Sciences

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable ASSET or COMPASS score, plus high school diploma or GED

Type of Program:

Day and night

Type of Degree:

Certificate

Employment Opportunities:

Grooming shops, pet-related businesses such as veterinary practices, kennels, pet shops and mobile grooming business

- This program trains the student in the principles and theories of small animal care.
- This program prepares students for full or part-time opportunities in the grooming business.
- Graduates can work for others or establish their own grooming business.
- Most beginning groomers handle six pets per day at an average of \$35 each, while experienced groomers are able to handle up to 20 pets with the help of an assistant.
- This field provides flexibility and appeals to people with children and retirees wanting to establish a second career.
- With 62 million dogs and 64 million cats in this country, the customer base is strong.
- To complete this certificate program, students must obtain a minimum grade of “C” in all courses.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester – Fall or Spring

VET 106	Small Animal Behavior/ Kennel Management	4.0
VET 107	Small Animal Care and Welfare I	4.0
VET 134	Intermediate Pet Grooming	3.0

Second Semester – Spring or Fall

VET 108	Small Animal Care and Welfare II	4.0
VET 240	Office Management and Client Education	3.0

Third Semester- Summer or Spring

VET 165	SCWE in Animal Care	2.0
VET 162	Clinical Techniques of Pet Grooming (Day Class Only)	3.0

Total credit hours **23.0**

Note: Please contact your advisor for recommended evening schedules.