

# Professional Grooming and Animal Care Certificate in Applied Science

## Mission Statement:

The mission of the Small Animal Care program is to promote optimum care of animals by educating students in animal esthetics and its relation to the overall health and well being of canines. Our faculty and staff strive to uphold the highest standards of the industry, providing knowledgeable graduates to join the profession

## Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable placement test score(s), plus high school diploma or GED

## Type of Program:

Day

## Employment Opportunities:

Grooming salons and spas, veterinary practices, kennels, pet shops and mobile grooming business

- Students are trained in breed specific and mixed breed dog grooming, as well as foundational procedures, skills, and techniques which are necessary for a career within the canine grooming industry. Students are prepared for entry-level positions working in grooming businesses or establishing their own grooming business.
- To complete this certificate program, students must obtain a minimum grade of "C" in all courses.
- This program is located at the Northwest Campus. Students should see an advisor at the Northwest Campus to register for classes.
- Students must attend an Animal Studies Department Career Talk, preferably before beginning the program, but otherwise within the first semester. (Career Talk valid for two years.)
- Students must purchase required supplies and uniforms.
- Students must be able to attend all clinical and work internship experiences.
- A crime-free criminal background check is required.
- A negative 10-panel drug screen is required.
- Students are required to have documentation of Tetanus vaccination within the past ten (10) years.

## Recommended Program Schedule

### First Semester - Fall or Summer

VET	107	Small Animal Care and Welfare I	4.0
VET	132	Feline Breeds and Terminology	2.0
VET	133	Basic Pet Grooming	3.0

### Second Semester - Spring or Fall

VET	108	Small Animal Care and Welfare II	4.0
VET	134	Intermediate Pet Grooming	3.0
VET	172	Portfolio and Related Topics	3.0

### Third Semester - Summer or Spring

VET	135	Advanced Pet Grooming	4.0
VET	162	Clinical Techniques of Pet Grooming	3.0
VET	165	SCWE in Animal Care	2.0

## Total Required Credit Hours:

**28.0**

Note: Please contact your advisor for recommended evening schedules.

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