

Veterinary Assistant Certificate in Applied Science

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Veterinary Assistant program is to promote optimum care of animals by educating students in the many aspects of animal welfare including laws, legislation, and organizations in addition to training our students in the fundamentals of assisting in the veterinary care of animal companions. Our faculty and staff will 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:

Animal shelters, private veterinary practices, humane societies, animal hospitals, laboratories, veterinary care facilities

- This program trains the student for entry-level positions in kennels, veterinary offices, shelters, and animal hospitals.
- Students will be trained in the areas of nutrition, veterinary services, pharmacological applications, handling procedures, and ethical practices.
- 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 before beginning program preferably, but within the first semester. (Career Talk valid for two years.)
- Students must be able to attend all supervised work internship experiences.
- Students must purchase required supplies and uniforms.
- 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.
- To complete this certificate program, students must obtain a minimum grade of "C" in all courses.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester - Fall

VET	106	Small Animal Behavior/Kennel Management	4.0
VET	111	Introduction to Veterinary Medical Terminology	3.0
		or	
VET	113	Introduction to Veterinary Technology	
VET	151	Veterinary Assisting I	3.0
VET	242	Veterinary Law, Ethics and Client Relations	3.0

Second Semester - Spring

VET	114	Pharmacy Skills	4.0
VET	117	Animal Nutrition	2.0
VET	166	SCWE in Veterinary Practice	2.0
VET	251	Veterinary Assisting II	2.0

Total Required Credit Hours:

23.0

Note: Please contact your advisor for recommended evening schedules.

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