

Veterinary Assistant Program

The Veterinary Assistant program prepares students to assist the veterinarian in all aspects of animal care. Veterinary Assistants provide surgical and nursing care to animals in clinics, as well as field settings. They also provide basic care, perform laboratory procedures, and assist in the veterinary clinic with other functions. Veterinary Assistants work in a variety of settings including animal hospitals and clinics, animal shelters, laboratories, zoos, and animal parks.

Program content requires the application of basic math and technical reading skills. Students in the Veterinary Assistant program will learn about the care of animals as well as how to recognize signs of illness and disease. This program also covers interpersonal communication, interaction with clients and their animals, as well as assisting the veterinarian during examinations. Administrative duties, such as fee collection, banking, and accounts payable will be emphasized, and the student will learn basic information about pet insurance. The veterinary assisting course is a vital asset to the student who wishes to work in this exciting and rewarding career field. This program meets for 12 weeks for a total of 60 hours.

What is a veterinary assistant?

Here is a quick overview of the skills and duties a Veterinary Assistant will be able to perform in a veterinary clinic/hospital or related animal health care environment upon completion of the program.

- ❖ Professional Conduct
- ❖ Laws and their implications
- ❖ Front Office Procedures
- ❖ Animal Restraint
- ❖ Examination Room Procedures
- ❖ Pharmacy Skills
- ❖ Laboratory Skills
- ❖ Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging
- ❖ Medical Nursing
- ❖ Surgical Tasks
- ❖ Grooming
- ❖ Facility Maintenance



CRN: 1351 HMED M7077
Date: Saturdays, January 16-April 24, 2010
Time: 10:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$ 1200.00 Course fee does not include textbooks.
Instructor: Dr. Peter Embriano

CRN: 1377 HMED M7077
Date: Saturdays, May 8-August 21, 2010
Time: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$ 1200.00 Course fee does not include textbooks.
Instructor: Dr. Peter Embriano

Veterinary Assistant Clinical Externship (30) hours

In this course you will work with a coordinator to start and complete your externship for the Veterinary Assistant course with local Veterinary Offices and Hospitals. This clinical externship course is **optional** to students in the program.

CRN: 1463 HMED M7110
Date: TBA
Fee: \$150.00
Coordinator: Dr. Peter Embriano