



# Veterinary Assisting

accredited by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America



Veterinary Assisting is an important part of the veterinary health care team in clinics, zoos, pet shops and research facilities. Students work with a large variety of animals such as dogs, cats, rodents, birds/poultry, farm animals, and reptiles. Students will learn about general care and feeding of various species as well as tasks the veterinary assistant performs under the guidance of a veterinary technician or veterinarian. Tasks include: animal feeding, basic animal grooming, animal nursing, common office/clinic procedures, client education, exam room procedures, surgical and diagnostic lab procedures, maintenance of animal/medical records on computers and other skills as recommended by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America. Day students will participate in a vaccination clinic onsite at Manor Plains. Students may receive certificates in kennel maintenance, shelter worker, veterinary foundations and bite safety.

## Work Environment

Veterinary Assistants have a wide range of employment opportunities in animal clinics, veterinarian's offices, pet stores, laboratories, pet grooming shops, animal shelters, zoos, and preserves.

## Career Opportunities

Veterinary Assistant  
Lab Animal Technician  
Grooming Assistant  
Pet Shop employee  
Animal Caretaker  
Field Biologists Assistant  
Zookeeper

## Advanced Standing Available\*

Suffolk County Community College  
SUNY Alfred  
SUNY Canton  
SUNY Cobleskill

\*Advanced Standing may be available to those who successfully complete this Tech course. See Articulation Agreements on page 41.

## Employment Outlook

As the small pet industry grows, the need for qualified animal support personnel grows along with it. Graduates of this program can expect to find immediate career opportunities as veterinary assistants, grooming assistants, pet shop employees, or clinic assistants. Students who continue their training and gain valuable experience can expect to enjoy such opportunities as a veterinary techni-

cian, laboratory animal technologist, professional groomer, or pet shop manager. Students who continue on to college may study veterinary science, biotechnology, business management, or animal husbandry.

Starting salaries in this field tend to range from \$10 to \$12/hour; part-time and evening work is available.

## Student Supplies (approx. \$50)

1. Lab Coat or scrub top
2. Gloves (garden type)
3. Work shoes (non-slip) or boots
4. Current Tetanus vaccination is recommended
5. Large 3 ring binder/??????

## Academic credits integrated:

See chart, page 26

## CTE Endorsement

In order to be granted the Technical Diploma endorsement, students must successfully meet the academic and attendance criteria for a two-year Wilson Tech Certificate of Completion, including Career and Financial Management (CFM), and pass the following national certification exam: Animal Care Training (ACT) exam .

## Helpful Preparatory Courses

- Biology with lab
- Chemistry with lab

## Course Outline:

- Individual Animal Care & Handling Bio-profiles
- Basics in Grooming
- Office, Hospital & Kennel Maintenance Procedures
- Small Animal Nursing & Pharmacology
- Client Communication/Medical Record Keeping
- Exam and Treatment Room Procedures
- Surgical Preparation and Assisting
- Laboratory Procedures
- Animal Disease & Health Maintenance
- Diagnostic Imaging Assisting

## Consider these classes at Tech

- Certified Personal Trainer
- Early Childhood Education
- Equine Studies
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory
- Nurse Assisting/Prof. Health Careers

All placements are based upon individual needs and approval from the district and parent/guardian.