

Veterinary Assisting

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

About This Program

Carrington College's Veterinary Assisting program prepares students for the clinical, lab and administrative duties required for entry-level employment as a veterinary assistant. The program concludes in an externship that allows students to practice skills in an actual veterinary health care setting. This program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement.

Visit carrington.edu/student-consumer-info/ for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

General Education Coursework

In Carrington College's certificate programs, students complete technical coursework and participate in an online career development seminar course.**

**Campus based, Portland only

Technical Coursework

The program provides education in the clinical, laboratory and administrative duties of a veterinary assistant. Courses include animal anatomy and physiology, nursing skills, animal surgical assisting, pharmaceutical chemistry and application, animal restraint and front office skills including computer basics, telephone and appointments. Students study a range of services to patients and basic office skills needed to operate a successful veterinary practice. The program includes an externship that allows students to practice skills in an actual veterinary health care setting.

Total coursework for certificate (credit hours)	28.5
Certificate Program Length	36 weeks (not including breaks)

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

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Careers in Veterinary Assisting

Veterinary assistants typically work under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian doing clinical work such as performing various diagnostic tests and medical treatments. They also assist with dental care, prepare tissue samples and assist veterinarians in a variety of exams and procedures. Graduates of Carrington College's program are prepared to perform entry-level duties as veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers in veterinary settings such as:

- Veterinary hospitals and clinics
- Colleges, universities and research facilities

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Veterinary Assisting program, graduates will be able to:

- Perform a variety of administrative, clinical, nursing and surgical assisting procedures in veterinary medical settings
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

Accreditation, Approvals and Program Availability

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

The Veterinary Assisting program is offered to new students at:

MESA, AZ

PHOENIX, AZ

PORTLAND, OR

SPOKANE, WA

TUCSON, AZ