

CERTIFICATE*

VETERINARY ASSISTING

Looking For a Warm and Fuzzy Career?

Working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, veterinary assistants perform a variety of tasks, including performing medical tests and treating medical conditions and diseases in animals, as well as performing laboratory tests and taking blood samples, assisting with dental care, preparing tissue samples and assisting with other diagnostic tests and procedures. They work in veterinary offices or hospitals, biomedical research institutions, and pharmaceutical and pet care industries.

This Carrington College® program includes courses in animal anatomy and physiology, nursing skills, animal surgical procedures, chemistry, animal restraint and front-office skills. The program includes an externship, allowing students to practice their skills in an actual veterinary setting. The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of animal care and service workers is expected to grow 15% from 2012-2022.†



Duties May Include:

- Obtaining patient information
- Maintaining medical records
- Collecting laboratory specimens
- Assisting with diagnostic, medical and surgical procedures
- Helping with radiography and dental prophylaxes

Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Private veterinary offices and hospitals
- Humane Societies
- Animal shelters
- Animal control facilities
- Biomedical research institutions
- Pharmaceutical and pet care industries

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† Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)

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Student Learning Outcomes

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 proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Mesa, Phoenix North, Portland, Tucson

Veterinary Assisting Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
VAC 111	Microbiology, Parasitology, Radiology and Anatomy and Physiology	48	48	0	4.5
VAC 112	The Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Anatomy and Physiology	48	48	0	4.5
VAC 113	Animal Behavior, Restraint, Breed Identification and Anatomy and Physiology	48	48	0	4.5
VAC 114	Surgical Nursing, Nutrition and Anatomy and Physiology	48	48	0	4.5
VAC 115	Pharmacology, Math and Chemistry	48	48	0	4.5
CDV 198.2	Career Development Seminar	30	0	0	2
XTP 200	Externship	0	0	180	4
Total for Certificate		270	240	180	28.5

This program is offered in a six-week format.

Approximate time to complete certificate program: 36 weeks