Veterinary Assistant

*WIA APPROVED COURSE

Veterinarian Assistants/Technicians are projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to have over a 35% growth from 2008-2018.

Course Description

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. Some of the skills you will learn in this course include: 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, and Facility Maintenance.

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.