VETERINARY ASSISTANT
Industry Facts

What do veterinary assistants do?

The role of veterinary assistants is to help veterinarians and veterinary technicians and technologists care for animals in clinics and practices nationwide. Your specific responsibilities would vary from location to location, but may include:

- Feeding, bathing, and exercising animals
- Cleaning and disinfecting cages, kennels, and examination and operation rooms
- Restraining animals during examination and laboratory procedures
- Maintaining and sterilizing surgical instruments and equipment
- Monitoring and caring for animals after surgery
- Helping to provide emergency first aid to sick and injured animals

Where do veterinary assistants work?

Veterinary assistants are found in veterinary practices and clinics nationwide. As many clinics and animal hospitals are open 24/7, night and weekend schedules are often available.

How much do veterinary assistants earn?

Pay rates for veterinary assistants vary by employer, geographic location, and experience. The U.S. Department of Labor includes these professionals in the Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers category and reports that the middle 50% of professionals in this field earn between $21,170 and $30,460* a year.

Is the veterinary assistant field growing?

Veterinary assistants are part of the rapidly growing pet industry, which was valued at $60 billion annually. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the demand for veterinary assistants will grow by 19%, or by 16,300 new jobs, before 2026.

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Program Details

Program Overview and Approximate Completion Hours

MODULE	Hours
Program Orientation	1
Computer Fundamentals	7
Microsoft Office Training Orientation	80
Word 2016: Beginner	10
Excel 2016: Beginner	5
Working as a Veterinary Assistant	7
Business Writing	5
Veterinary Assistant Foundations	14
Animal Safety and Nutrition	14
Client Management	16
Patient Management	18
Small and Large Animals	15
Pharmacy and Pharmacology	8
Laboratory and Surgical Procedures	14
Part 1 Final Exam Preparation	1
TOTAL	**150**

Improve your life.

As a veterinary assistant! With Career Step you'll have everything you need to succeed, including comprehensive curriculum developed by industry professionals, the flexibility to train on your own schedule, and live student and graduate support.

Prepare for a better job.

Our expert-designed curriculum includes everything you need to prepare for a successful new career. The Career Step Veterinary Assistant program covers the following:

- Examination room procedures
- Communication and client relations
- Office and hospital procedures
- Small and large animal nursing
- Pharmacy and pharmacology
- Laboratory procedures
- Surgical preparation and assisting
- Radiology and ultrasound imaging

Learn at home.

Online training minimizes the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Achieve success with live student and graduate support.

Our training is designed to help you accomplish your goal of getting a job. In addition to expert-designed curriculum and online flexibility, you'll also have one-on-one access to three instructor support teams—Student Support, Technical Support, and Graduate Support—to ensure that you can complete your education and prepare for a better future! All of these teams are committed to helping you:

- Graduate quickly
- Prepare for national certification exams
- Successfully move into the workforce