



### Animal Care & Management

### Associate in Applied Science

#### Curriculum Requirements: 60 Credits START HERE

# 1

First Year, Fall Semester (15)	Credits	Milestone	Completed
ACM 102 Veterinary Assisting Foundations and Techniques I	5	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 103 Veterinary Assisting Foundations and Techniques I Lab	0	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 120 Breeds and Behavior I	4		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 121 Breeds and Behavior I Lab	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
MAT 118 Quantitative Reasoning	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>		

# 2

First Year, Spring Semester (15)	Credits	Milestone	Completed
ACM 106 Veterinary Assisting Foundations and Techniques II	5	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 107 Veterinary Assisting Foundations and Techniques II Lab	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 130 Breeds and Behavior II	4		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 131 Breeds and Behavior II Lab	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
ENG 101 College Composition	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>		

# 3

Second Year, Fall Semester (15)	Credits	Milestone	Completed
ACM 110 Animal Business Concepts	3	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM205 Functional Analysis for Animals	3	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
CIS 115 Software Applications OR CIS 118 Information Technology Fundamentals	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
PHI 102 Ethics and Contemporary Society	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
Program Elective	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>		

# 4

Second Year, Spring Semester (15)	Credits	Milestone	Completed
ACM 210 Human Animal Bond	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 220 Animal Law, Governance, and Welfare	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 250 Animal Care & Management Practicum	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
General Education Core III, Social Science	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
Program Elective	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>		

## YOU'VE FINISHED!



#### Program Milestones

Program milestone courses should be taken in the term and order noted.

### General Advising Notes

- English and Math courses should be taken in your first term, if possible, or first year. Can be completed at full-time or part-time
- Majority of ACM courses/labs in-person
- Must be at college level math before taking ACM 102/103 and ACM 110  
Labs must be taken with lecture
- ACM 250 135 hours Practicum in unpaid
- Summer time: work on general education cores
- SPE 101 in-person
- Please note all "ACM" courses are ONLY offered in either the fall or spring semester they are listed under.
- ❖ *A certificate in Veterinary Assisting is embedded in this degree program. This credential will be awarded upon successful completion of the certificate's required coursework.*

## Program Description

The Animal Care and Management Associate in Applied Science Degree is designed to provide students with a foundational knowledge of related terminology, biology, husbandry and career opportunities. Graduates of this program will have solid skills to support movement into pet care services management. The graduate will possess knowledge of appropriate care of many species of animals useful in pet retail businesses, pet grooming facilities, pet daycare facilities, pet boarding facilities, animal shelters, support positions in veterinary clinics. Areas of study in addition to the general education requirements include an introduction to animal science, animal anatomy and physiology, animal nutrition, introduction to business as well as other opportunities.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Associates in Applied Science degree in Animal Care and Management will be able to:

- Demonstrate oral, written and technology communication skills to convey animal care standards and protocols for animal related businesses.
- Analyze animal care facilities in respect to their health and husbandry needs using knowledge of specific species requirements and unique needs.
- Demonstrate the ability to work both independently and as a team member in various animal care team environments.
- Describe and explain appropriate professional and ethical behavior relevant to animal care business environments while maintaining recognition for the diversity of opinions, values, cultures, and abilities in small animal businesses.
- Analyze, articulate and communicate animal care information in regards to the business aspect of the individual animal-related entities including proper verbal communication, written communication, and technological forms of documentation.

## Program Requirements

- Clinical/Practicum Requirements: Students must meet the requirements of the clinical and practicum sites which may include a physical examination, drug testing, and criminal background checks. Failure to do so may result in non-completion of the program.
- Clinical Site/Field Trips: Several of the program courses utilize off campus facilities which are all within a 1-hour radius of the Wells campus. It is the student's responsibility to have reliable transportation to college and these sites as required skills are performed there and require for successful completion of the program.
- Immunizations: Documentation of a rabies vaccination or signed waiver must be submitted to the Program Director prior to beginning clinical classes. Health Insurance is strongly recommended.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates from the program will be prepared to assume positions in (but are not limited to) pet retail stores, pet grooming facilities, pet daycare facilities, pet boarding facilities and animal shelter facilities. Through their practicum experience, students can develop a focus on any of the previously listed opportunities or gain experience in equine boarding facilities, livestock facilities, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facilities, zoos and exotic animal care facilities and animal based research facilities to build their skills for those job opportunities as well. Students may also be interested in transferring to a four-year program in animal science.

*Articulation agreements exist between York County Community College and various colleges and universities.*

*Please work with your advisor for information regarding these agreements.*

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