



**VETERINARY ASSISTANT**

**CERTIFICATE**

**Curriculum Requirements: 24 Credits**  
**START HERE**

**1**

First Year, Fall Semester (12 credits)	Credits	Milestone	Completed
ACM 102 / ACM 103 Vet Assistant Foundations I	5	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 120 / ACM 121 Breeds and Behavior I	4	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12</b>		



**Program Milestones**

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

**2**

First Year, Spring Semester (12 credits)	Credits	Milestone	Completed
ACM 106 / ACM 107 Vet Assistant Foundations II	5	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACM 130/131 Breeds and Behavior II	4	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12</b>		

**General Advising Notes**

Please note all “ACM” courses are ONLY offered in either the fall or spring semester they are listed under.

**Admissions Requirements**

- Complete YCCC Application for admission
- High School Diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- College level placement in English and Math
- High school biology with laboratory component

**YOU'VE FINISHED!**

**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 required 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.
- **All Veterinary Assistant Certificate students** must meet the assigned skills of NAVTA-AVA required of the program and profession. Every student will be held to the same standards with or without reasonable accommodations.

**100 volunteer hours must be completed at animal businesses and clinics approved by the program director before completion of the certificate.**



This program is accredited by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA).

The sequencing of courses in this program begins in the fall semester. Students entering in the spring or summer may take more or less time depending on the course format selected.

## Program Description

Upon completion of the Veterinary Assistant Certification Program students will be prepared to work in any veterinary clinic as an assistant. Areas of study include comparative animal anatomy and physiology, nutrition, husbandry, hospital management, pharmaceuticals, behavior, laboratory procedures, and surgical nursing. The certificate coursework also aligns with the requirements for the Animal Care and Management Associates degree offered at YCCC for students who wish to continue their education. Before completion of the certificate, all students must complete 100 volunteer hours off-campus working on skills supervised by a veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician. The majority of hours must be completed at a small animal hospital and locations will be approved by the program director. This program is seeking full approval from the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, Approved Veterinary Assistants certification. Once accreditation is approved, students will be able to sit for the national licensing exam.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Students who successfully complete the Veterinary Assistant Certificate will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to communicate patient information with clients and the veterinary team effectively and clearly in various formats.
- Describe the importance of procedures for handling and analyzing various diagnostics such as blood panels, urine and fecal tests, and radiographs in a clinic setting.
- Explain the infrastructure of a veterinary clinic including quality patient care and handling, management of inventory, and care of medical equipment.
- Apply critical thinking skills to prepare and present solutions for common behavioral concerns.
- Perform with proficiency all required skills listed by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America AVA.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Veterinary Assistant Certificate program will be eligible for entry level positions in a variety of animal hospitals, including working with companion animals, pocket pets, exotics, livestock, and equine species. Specific jobs may include, but are not limited to; exam room assistant, surgical assistant, working with hospital inventory and maintenance, training and behavior consultations, and daycare/boarding staff.

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