

ANIMAL STUDIES

Programs

- Veterinary Assistant Certificate in Applied Science (<https://catalog.gvltec.edu/school-health-sciences/animal-studies/veterinary-assistant-certificate/>)

Courses

VET 106 Small Animal Behavior/Kennel Management (4-0-4)

Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters

This course is the study of the concepts, development, characteristics and modification of animal behavior as related to domestic animals. Animal behavior history and restraint are covered. Different breeds and species, proper terminology, nutrition, vaccines and diseases will also be covered.

VET 107 Small Animal Care and Welfare I (4-0-4)

Offered Fall Semester

Co-requisites: VET 132, VET 133, VET 172

This course provides an introduction to the knowledge and skills needed to work in the animal care industry. Topics include breed identification, canine anatomy, terminology, common disease symptoms, first aid and proper handling skills.

VET 108 Small Animal Care and Welfare II (4-0-4)

Offered Spring Semester

Prerequisites: VET 107, VET 132, VET 133, VET 172

Co-requisites: VET 134, VET 162, VET 165

This course is a continuation of knowledge and skills necessary for working in the animal care industry. Topics include diseases, care, appearance, handling, topical skin treatment, selection of equipment and animal handling and control.

VET 111 Introduction to Veterinary Medical Terminology (3-0-3)

Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters

Co-requisite: VET 151

This course is an introduction of veterinary medical terms, including roots, prefixes and suffixes with emphasis on spelling, definition and pronunciation as used by veterinary assistants.

VET 114 Pharmacy Skills (4-0-4)

Offered Fall and Summer Semesters

Prerequisites: VET 111, VET 151

This course is the study of the usage of small animal health care products, including dispensing and utilization of common veterinary drugs and products. Additional topics include safe handling, storage, legal documentation and regulation.

VET 117 Animal Nutrition (2-0-2)

Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters

This course is a study of the different nutrients and their functions. Evaluating foodstuffs and exploring the role of dietary management and the use of prescription diets in small animals are covered.

VET 132 Feline Breeds and Terminology (2-0-2)

Offered Fall Semester

Co-requisites: VET 107, VET 133, VET 172

This course provides an introduction to feline breed recognition, common skin and coat disorders and related feline terminology.

VET 133 Basic Pet Grooming (2-3-3)

Offered Fall Semester

Co-requisites: VET 107, VET 132, VET 172

This course is a study of skills necessary for entry-level employment. Bone structure and recognition of various cat and dog breeds, basic disease symptoms and learning various pieces of equipment needed to groom will be covered. Basic grooming skills and various grooming products will also be covered.

VET 134 Intermediate Pet Grooming (0-9-3)

Offered Spring Semester

Prerequisites: VET 107, VET 132, VET 133, VET 172

Co-requisites: VET 108, VET 162, VET 165

This course is a study of grooming to learn proper bathing, shampooing, flea dipping, blow-drying and brushing out techniques. Simple procedures such as nail clipping and ear cleaning will be covered. Employment and self-employment opportunities will be discussed. Proper pure breed and mixed breed clips and styles, proper scissoring, handling and time management techniques will also be covered.

VET 151 Veterinary Assisting I (2-3-3)

Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters

Co-requisite: VET 111

This course is the study of the basic skills required of a veterinary assistant, including restraint techniques, laboratory procedures, aseptic techniques, post-surgical recovery, emergency medicine, basic radiology and surgical preparation and assistance.

VET 162 Clinical Techniques of Pet Grooming (0-9-3)

Offered Spring Semester

Prerequisites: VET 107, VET 132, VET 133, VET 134, VET 172

Co-requisites: VET 108, VET 134, VET 165

This course is a study of the technical skills required to deal with domesticated pets, grooming techniques, breed identification, customer relations and the proper use of industry-recognized tools.

VET 165 SCWE in Animal Care (0-8-2)

Offered Spring Semester

Prerequisites: VET 107, VET 132, VET 133, VET 172

Co-requisites: VET 108, VET 134, VET 162

This course provides students with hands-on clinical experience in the animal care field while under the supervision of a professional animal care provider. Experience will include observation of and practice in animal care and handling techniques.

VET 166 SCWE in Veterinary Practice (0-8-2)

Offered Fall and Spring Semesters

Prerequisites: VET 106, VET 111, VET 151

Co-requisites: VET 114 (recommended), VET 251

This course provides hands-on clinical experience in the veterinary field while under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian in a veterinary facility.

VET 172 Portfolio and Related Topics (3-0-3)

Offered Fall Semester

Co-requisites: VET 107, VET 132, VET 133

This course is a study of grooming experiences. Students will complete a portfolio, produce a videotaped presentation of one or more grooms and prepare a detailed outline for setting up their own business.

VET 242 Veterinary Law, Ethics and Client Relations (3-0-3)

Offered Fall and Summer Semesters

This course is the study of the moral and ethical principles pertaining to veterinarians and staff, groomers, breeders and kennel operators. Laws governing the animal industry, as well as telephone and client courtesies skills, are covered.

VET 251 Veterinary Assisting II (1-3-2)

Offered Fall and Spring Semesters

Prerequisites: VET 106, VET 111, VET 151

Co-requisites: VET 114, VET 166

This course is the advanced study of the skills required of a veterinary assistant. The student will gain additional hands-on experience in lab procedures, aseptic techniques, post-surgical recovery, emergency medicine, radiology and surgical preparation as utilized in veterinary clinical settings.