



Veterinary Assistant

Department: Agricultural Sciences

Degree: Diploma

Entry time: Fall

Length: 1 year (2 semesters, 1 summer)

- One of the **largest schools** in the nation for number of **Ag program graduates**.
- **Small class sizes with hands-on learning labs**.
- 13 agriculture-related student organizations among the **80+ clubs** on campus.
- **Required internship opportunities** providing great industry contacts, which could lead to a full-time position after graduation.

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Program Description

As a Veterinary Assistant student, you'll prepare for a career working with animals in a variety of settings such as veterinary clinics, boarding kennels and grooming salons. You'll study animal diseases and disease prevention, small animal pharmacology, pet grooming, kennel management, animal behavior, nutrition, legal principles, human relations, communication and computer science.

Career Opportunities

Veterinary assistant
Veterinary receptionist
Animal health product sales
Retail pet supply sales

Sample Classes

Animal Behavior/Kennel Management
Veterinary Computer Applications
Veterinary Reception/Administration Skills
Veterinary Law and Ethics
Veterinary Assisting
Pharmacy Skills
Veterinary Medical Terminology
Canine and Feline Nutrition
Pet Grooming
Clinical Veterinary Experience

Internships

As a Veterinary Assistant student, you will complete a 400-hour internship at a veterinary clinic, pet store or kennel allowing you to apply your lab and classroom skills in an actual work environment.

Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

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