

Veterinary Assisting

Certificate of Achievement
Pursue Careers in Veterinary Medicine



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII
WINDWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The Certificate of Achievement in Veterinary Assisting is designed to provide students with the basic knowledge and skills required to perform effectively as an assistant in a veterinarian's office, animal shelter or animal research facility. The two-semester program includes coursework in the physical and life sciences as well as hands-on experience through internships at local veterinary clinics.

Interested students should contact Ross Langston at langston@hawaii.edu or 808-236-9119.

Required Courses: (31 credits)

First Semester

ANSC 141: Introduction to Veterinary Technology
ANSC 142: Anatomy and Physiology of Domestic Animals
ANSC 142L: Anatomy of Domestic Animals Laboratory
ENG 100: Expository Writing
HLTH 125: Medical Terminology
MATH 101: Mathematics for Veterinary Assisting

Second Semester

ANSC 151: Clinical Laboratory Techniques
ANSC 151L: Clinical Laboratory Techniques Laboratory
ANSC 152: Companion Animal Diseases & Nutrition
ANSC 152L: Companion Animal Nursing
BUSN 191: Veterinary Office and Computer Skills
PSY 100: Survey of Psychology
SP 151: Personal and Public Speech

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be able to:

- effectively communicate with clients and veterinary staff
- schedule appointments and generate invoices
- initiate physical exams and obtain patient histories
- assist with surgical procedures and dental cleanings
- administer medications under a veterinarian's supervision
- collect blood samples and perform diagnostic laboratory tests

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