

# Veterinary Assisting (VETT)

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## Courses

### **VETT A101 Introduction to the Veterinary Profession 1 Credit**

Introduction to the veterinary profession for individuals considering a career in this field. Introduces responsibilities and expectations as well as legal boundaries of a veterinary health care team.

### **VETT A103 Veterinary Office Procedures 3 Credits**

Provides the student with current information in veterinary practice office management. Students will apply concepts, principles, and skills to situations specific to veterinary office procedures.

**Prerequisites:** VETT A101 with a minimum grade of D or concurrent enrollment.

### **VETT A122 Basic Handling and Behavior: Small Animals 2 Credits**

Introduces general topics in the veterinary field: small-animal breeds and behavior, safe animal handling and restraint, grooming, nutrition, and vaccination. Additional topics include exam room procedures (physical exam and history taking), facility maintenance, medicating, surgical assisting, and laboratory assisting.

**Prerequisites:** VETT A101 with a minimum grade of D or concurrent enrollment.

### **VETT A123 Basic Handling and Behavior: Large Animals 2 Credits**

Introductory course for students considering a career in large-animal health care. Introduces large-animal nutrition, care, behavior, and restraint, including working safely with large animals.

**Prerequisites:** VETT A101 with a minimum grade of D or concurrent enrollment.

### **VETT A124 Introduction to Small Animals 3 Credits**

Introductory course for students considering a career in small-animal health care. Topics include an introduction to restraint, clinical pathology, diagnostic imaging, emergency medicine, anesthesia, pharmacology and pain management, surgical and medical nursing, dentistry, and other applicable skills.

**Prerequisites:** VETT A101 with a minimum grade of D or concurrent enrollment.

### **VETT A125 Introduction to Large Animals 3 Credits**

Introductory course for students considering a career in large-animal health care. Introduces clinical patient management and procedures, laboratory procedures, anesthesia, pharmacology, and surgical and medical nursing specific to large animal species.

**Prerequisites:** VETT A101 with a minimum grade of D or concurrent enrollment.

### **VETT A201 Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology 4 Credits**

Introduces comparative anatomy and physiologic processes for both small- and large-animal species. Includes lecture and lab components.

**Prerequisites:** VETT A103 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

### **VETT A295 Veterinary Assistant Practicum 3 Credits**

Provides practical experience in a workplace setting. The faculty, practicum supervisor, and student collaborate to achieve workplace training to reflect the student's occupational objectives.

**Special Note:** Students must have the strength and flexibility to be able to move/restrain/lift animals and supplies, endurance to stand for extended periods of time, sufficient vision and hearing to assess the condition of patient, and dexterity to perform the fine motor skills and procedures.

**Prerequisites:** VETT A122 with a minimum grade of C and VETT A123 with a minimum grade of C and VETT A124 with a minimum grade of C and VETT A125 with a minimum grade of C and VETT A201 with a minimum grade of C.