

Career Major:

# Veterinary Assistant

Pathway:  
Therapeutic

Cluster:  
Health Science



## Career description:

Feeds, waters, and examines pets and other animals for signs of illness, disease, or injury in laboratories, animal hospitals and clinics. Veterinary Assistants clean and disinfect cages and work areas and sterilize laboratory and surgical equipment. They may provide routine post-operative care, administer medication orally or topically, or prepare samples for laboratory examination under the supervision of veterinary or laboratory animal technologists or technicians, veterinarians, or scientists.

## Courses:

- Health Careers Core Curriculum
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid
- Core Medical Terminology
- Veterinary Office Management Procedures
- Large and Small Animal Medicine
- Large and Small Animal Care
- Diagnostic Procedures for the Veterinary Assistant
- Surgical Procedures for the Veterinary Assistant
- Routine Duties in a Veterinary Clinic
- Principles of Pharmacology for the Veterinary Assistant
- Internship for Veterinary Assistant

## Additional Career Majors In This Pathway:

- Physical Therapy Aide
- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Nursing Assistant
- Advanced Nursing Assistant
- Veterinary Assistant

## AVERAGE SALARY

**\$26,990/year**

**Program Length:**  
600 hours

**Who Can Attend:**  
High school students and adults

**Schedules Available:**  
Morning class: 8:10-11:00 am  
Afternoon class: 12:40-3:30 pm

**FULL-TIME STUDENTS:**  
Attend both sessions.

## Entrance Requirements:

If you are a high school student, please contact your high school counselor about enrollment. Prospective adult students should contact a Meridian career counselor for enrollment information.

## Tuition:

Tuition is free for students enrolled in one of our district high schools. Students can attend during their junior and senior years or during their senior year and the year following graduation. Scholarships are available to qualified applicants who graduate from one of our district high schools if they enroll within two years of graduation. Adult tuition is based on the number of hours in the chosen career major. A Meridian career counselor will be able to provide more information.

## College Credit:

College credit is available for this career. Please contact a Meridian career counselor for more information.

## Licensure/Certification:

Certification is available from Meridian Technology Center.