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VETERINARY ASSISTANT

FACT SHEET

If you love working with animals, take the first step towards a new career in the veterinary field with K Education's Veterinary Assistant Program.

Through this program, you'll not only receive support from MK Education's dedicated instructors with expertise from the field, but also get hands-on training and work side-by-side with a veterinary team tending to the needs of animals.

Students will learn about a number of veterinary assistant duties and jobs dedicated to treating domestic animals – from birds and reptiles to cats and dogs – and believe they all deserve compassionate medical care.

Areas of study include

- Office Practices & Medical Records
- Medical Terminology
- Animal Behavior & Handling
- Pharmacology
- Pet Loss & Grief
- Basic Animal Nursing
- Dental Assisting
- Surgical Assisting
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Critical Care Assisting & Triage
- Exotic & Large Animal Husbandry

SALARY

Salary ranges from \$24,360 - \$37,222

Salary may vary depending on location, experience and national rate. Detailed information may be found at www.bls.gov.

Dog Walker/ Pet Sitter

\$16 - \$18
per hour

Entry Level Veterinary Assistant

\$12 - \$17
per hour

Zoo Keeper/ Animal Trainer

\$11 - \$18
per hour

Employers

- Veterinarian clinic
- Animal hospital
- Pet adoption agency
- Pet sitting
- Zoos/Farms
- Animal Control
- Specialty or emergency animal hospital
- Research institution

Prerequisites

- ✓ High school diploma or G.E.D.
- ✓ Proficiency in English (reading, writing and speaking skills)
- ✓ At least 18 years old (although exceptions have been made on an individual basis)
- ✓ Hand-to-eye coordination; finger agility
- ✓ Suitable vision, normal or corrected
- ✓ Immunizations & background check (May be required by some externship locations)
- ✓ No prior criminal offenses (Employers often perform background checks on applicants)

After successful completion of the Veterinary Assistant Training program, students will be eligible to take the NAVTA exam. With successful completion of the exam, individuals will become an Approved Veterinary Assistant (AVA) and be recognized for their accomplishment with the AVA designation.

For more information, contact MK Education at 630.541.3600 X 8606 or marketing@mkedu.org.