

VETERINARY ASSISTANT

A veterinary assistant works alongside a veterinarian to assist in the medical treatment of sick or injured animals.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Provide daily tactical support to assist veterinarians in health monitoring and diagnostics
- Prepare surgery suites and equipment as well as the animal patient for surgery or examinations
- Feed and weigh animals in assigned care
- Handle and restrain animals to and from veterinary facilities
- Perform animal teeth cleanings
- Administer medications and collect samples such as blood and urine for testing
- Ensure that livestock or animals in assigned care are fed, cleaned, groomed, and exercised
- Conduct laboratory work including microbiology, sample serum preparation and supply management
- Maintain medical records of animals
- Keep a sanitary and sterile environment in examination rooms, kennels, cages and/or pens
- Clean and sterilize medical tools and equipment



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Associate's or Bachelor's degree in animal science, veterinary medicine, or veterinary technology

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, biology, chemistry, computer courses, mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Animal health and livestock production companies, laboratories, clinics, animal hospitals and shelters

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Veterinary Medical Association
- North American Veterinary Technician Association

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$35,000