

# Fact Sheet

# Veterinary Assistant

## Salary:

\$22,585-\$30,230

Salary may vary depending on location, experience, and hours.

[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)



## Typical Job:

Veterinary Assistant



## Course Overview:

With pet ownership on the rise, the need for skilled Veterinary Assistants is increasing. Working with Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians, Veterinary Assistants help to provide medical care to sick and injured animals. Topics of study include: client relations, office and hospital procedures, animal nursing, exam room procedures (hospital sanitation, weight/tp, animal handling and restraint and preventive care protocols), surgical prep and assisting, laboratory procedures, radiology and pharmacology.



## Course Prerequisites:

Must be able to read, write and speak English and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

## Additional Skills Required:

Because of inherent requirements of the profession, the following minimum abilities, i.e. essential functions, are expected of each student:

- Psychomotor skills (eye-hand coordination and finger dexterity) sufficient for safe and successful practice of veterinary duties
- Visual acuity (normal or corrected) sufficient for safe and successful practice of veterinary duties
- Be aware that a drug testing and criminal background check may be required for employment

## Job Outlook:

Employment is expected to increase up to 35% between the years of 2006 to 2016 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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## National Certification:

Currently, there is no national certification available for Veterinary Assistants.



## Employers:

- Veterinarian Clinics
- Animal Hospitals
- Animal Control
- Pet Adoption Facilities

**Roxbury Community College** comes together with **MK Education** to offer the best training for one of the fastest growing careers in the United States. If you are a student looking for a new career, we are committed to serving you every step of the way.

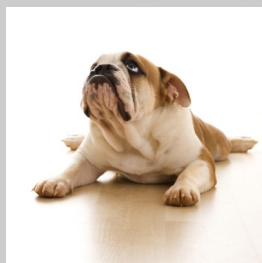


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### Information Sessions:

**Jan 4, 2012**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Building 3**  
**Room 121**



### This program is geared towards:

- Recent high school graduates
- Pet lovers
- Stay at home parents looking to get back into the workforce
- Anyone looking to change careers



### Payment Options:

- Check
- Credit Card
- Money Order
- **Payment Plan\***

\*Call Maribel Mendez at  
**617.933.7402**  
for payment plan option.

### State-of-the-Art Curriculum:

Provide the community with well trained and qualified Veterinary Assistants by:

- Providing a well-rounded curriculum by continually addressing the current need of community employers.
- Offering educational activities by using all possible educational resources and expertise.
- Keeping instruction up-to-date in this field by utilizing the expertise of Veterinary Technicians currently teaching Veterinary Assistant Training.



### Your Instructor:

Our instructor will either be a Veterinarian, qualified senior Veterinary Technician, or equivalent who is practicing in a local office, clinic, or hospital.



### Externships:

Hands-on experience is an essential part of healthcare training for any specialty of healthcare, especially veterinary medicine. In this program, you will have the opportunity to complete 30 hours of hands-on training in a veterinary clinic or office. *(Facility subject to availability)*

#### Please Note:

- Externships most often take place during normal business hours
- Successful completion of the externship is required to graduate this program
- Externship dates will be given in the beginning of class to ensure ample time to inform employers of your training
- Time off from work may be required



### How to Register:

**Please call 617.933.7402**  
**for more information**

