

## About This Program

Carrington College's Veterinary Assisting program prepares students for the clinical, lab and administrative duties for entry-level employment as a veterinary assistant. The program concludes in an externship that allows students to practice skills in an actual veterinary health care setting.

## Careers in Veterinary Assisting

Veterinary assistants typically work under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian doing clinical work such as performing various diagnostic tests and medical treatments. They also assist with dental care, prepare tissue samples and assist veterinarians in a variety of exams and procedures. Graduates of Carrington College's program are prepared to work as an entry level veterinary assistant. Employment opportunities for veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers may be found in veterinary settings such as:<sup>1</sup>

- Veterinary hospitals and clinics
- Colleges, universities and research facilities

## Coursework


Carrington College's certificate programs, students complete technical coursework and participate in an online career development seminar course.

## Technical Coursework

The program provides education in the clinical, laboratory and administrative duties of a veterinary assistant. Courses cover animal anatomy and physiology, nursing skills, animal surgical assisting, pharmaceutical chemistry and application, animal restraint and front office skills including computer basics, telephone and appointments. Students study a range of services to patients and basic office skills needed to operate a successful veterinary practice. The program includes an externship that allows students to practice skills in an actual veterinary health care setting.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at [carrington.edu/catalog](http://carrington.edu/catalog), provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

*Your Path to  
the Career  
You're Made For*



The program  
culminates in  
a Certificate of  
Achievement.

<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinary-assistants-and-laboratory-animal-caretakers.htm#tab-3>

# VETERINARY ASSISTING



Campus Based: Mesa, Phoenix Education Center, Portland, Spokane, and Tucson

## Veterinary Assisting Campus-Based Program Requirements

TECHNICAL COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	EXTERN HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
VAC111T	Introduction to the Veterinary Hospital	48	0	0	3
VAC111L	Hospital Practices	0	48	0	1.5
VAC112T	The Veterinary Laboratory	48	0	0	3
VAC112L	Laboratory Procedures	0	48	0	1.5
VAC113T	Animal Nursing and Care	48	0	0	3
VAC113L	Veterinary Assisting Techniques	0	48	0	1.5
VAC114T	Surgical Nursing and Specialty Care	48	0	0	3
VAC114L	Surgical and Specialty Procedures	0	48	0	1.5
VAC115T	Pharmacy and Pharmacology Calculations	48	0	0	3
VAC115L	Pharmacy Practice	0	48	0	1.5
CDV198.2 <sup>1</sup>	Career Development Seminar	30	0	0	2
VAC180	Veterinary Assisting Externship	0	0	180	4
<b>TOTAL FOR CERTIFICATE</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>28.5</b>

<sup>1</sup>Online general education course

Approximate time to complete certificate program: 36 weeks (not including breaks)

Blended: Mesa, Phoenix Education Center, Portland, Spokane, and Tucson

## Veterinary Assisting Blended Certificate Program Requirements

TECHNICAL COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	EXTERN HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
VAC111T.H <sup>2</sup>	Introduction to the Veterinary Hospital	48	0	0	3
VAC111L	Hospital Practices	0	48	0	1.5
VAC112T.H <sup>2</sup>	The Veterinary Laboratory	48	0	0	3
VAC112L	Laboratory Procedures	0	48	0	1.5
VAC113T.H <sup>2</sup>	Animal Nursing and Care	48	0	0	3
VAC113L	Veterinary Assisting Techniques	0	48	0	1.5
VAC114T.H <sup>2</sup>	Surgical Nursing and Specialty Care	48	0	0	3
VAC114L	Surgical and Specialty Procedures	0	48	0	1.5
VAC115T.H <sup>2</sup>	Pharmacy and Pharmacology Calculations	48	0	0	3
VAC115L	Pharmacy Practice	0	48	0	1.5
CDV198.2 <sup>3</sup>	Career Development Seminar	30	0	0	2
VAC180	Veterinary Assisting Externship	0	0	180	4
<b>TOTAL FOR CERTIFICATE</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>28.5</b>

<sup>2</sup>Blended course

Approximate time to complete certificate program: 36 weeks (not including breaks)

<sup>3</sup>Online general education course

## Accreditation and Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 428 J Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at [accjc.org](http://accjc.org).

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation and approvals, visit [carrington.edu/accreditation](http://carrington.edu/accreditation). Visit [carrington.edu/sci](http://carrington.edu/sci) for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).