

# VETERINARY ASSISTANT DIPLOMA PROGRAM



*Your path* TO PURPOSE  
*can begin here*



## Veterinary Assistant Program Courses Include:

- Veterinary Terminology
- Veterinary Pharmacy
- Animal Husbandry
- Nursing and Care for the Veterinary Assistant

## Why HDMC?

High Desert Medical College provides hands-on, comprehensive training that prepares you for a career in a broad scope of opportunities to give you better job options in the future. We offer day and night classes so that you can complete your program around your lifestyle. HDMC staff is qualified and caring with a focus on helping you to succeed providing real tools to thrive in your next work environment. High Desert Medical College provides job placement assistance to all qualified graduates. The college makes no claims guaranteeing employment upon graduation. Federal Financial Aid may be available, to those who qualify.

**888-633-4362**  
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If you love animals, enjoy being helpful and have a calm personality, Veterinary Assisting could be for you. The Veterinary Assistant program at High Desert Medical College (HDMC) is a great place to begin and you can complete our diploma program in less than a year. HDMC ensures you are ready to enter the job market with a program involving classroom theory lab procedures and externship. Our Veterinary Assistant students receive CPR and First Aid Certification from American Red Cross.

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**Total Weeks in Program:** 35 weeks - morning | 43 weeks - evening

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**Semester Credit Hours:** 45.75

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**Total Clock Hours:** 960 hours (classroom: 760 | externship: 200)

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## Career Highlights & Opportunity

As a Veterinary Assistant, you will handle routine animal care and help scientists, veterinarians, and veterinary technologists and technicians with their daily tasks. Tasks include feeding, bathing and exercising animals, restraining animals during procedures, maintain and sterilize surgical instruments, care for animals after surgery and give medication and immunizations prescribed.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics\*, overall employment of veterinary assistants is projected to grow 19% from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.

\* <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinary-assistants-and-laboratory-animal-caretakers.htm>

## Accreditation & Approval

High Desert Medical College is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) - A Partnership for Quality® ACCET is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Our institution is also licensed by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Licensed to operate means the institution is in compliance with the state standards as set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, Ed. Code §94897.

