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**High Desert**  
Medical College  
a Legacy Education Institution

*Hands-On Career Training  
for the Real World*

# VETERINARY ASSISTANT DIPLOMA PROGRAM

If you love animals, enjoy being helpful and have a calm personality, Veterinary Assisting could be for you. The Veterinary Assisting 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 Assisting students receive CPR and First Aid Certification from American Red Cross.

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Total Weeks in Program: 35 Weeks - Morning | 42 Weeks - Evening

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Semester Credit Hours: 44.41 | Financial Aid Credits: 25

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Classroom: 740 Hours (460 Lecture + 280 Lab) | Clinical Externship: 200 Hours

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Total Clock Hours: 940

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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.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ranks Veterinary Assistants among the fastest growing occupations over the 2018-2028 decade. Employment is projected to grow 19% – much faster than the average job ranking. As of 2018, Veterinary Assistants held about 109,800 jobs with employment in Veterinary Offices, Veterinary Hospitals, Research Facilities, Animal Shelters, Wildlife Refuges and Zoos

## Accreditation & Approval

Accreditation and approval guarantees students, faculty and the public that the programs at HDMC meet objective and rigorous third-party standards of educational practices. Our institution is also Accredited by ACCET (Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training) and Licensed by BPPE (Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education).

## Veterinary Assisting 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.

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