



VET ASSISTANT PROGRAM



Offered via a partnership agreement between Southeastern Illinois College and Rend Lake College

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- 16 credit hour program
 - Complete in one-semester
 - Program is financial aid eligible
- Theory and Lab offered at the Carmi Campus
 - Distance learning equipment allows remote delivery of theory to RLC Campus
 - Lab hours allow students to practice skills prior to attending internship experience
 - Internship hours are completed at local veterinary clinics

CLASSES OFFERED AT THE CARMİ CAMPUS

1700 College Avenue

Carmi IL



COURSEWORK

- Courses include:
 - Small Animal Nursing
 - Vet Practice Management
 - Animal Surgical Tech I
 - Vet Tech Internship
 - Animal Grooming
 - Keyboarding
 - Customer Service Skills

INSTRUCTION

- Instructors have experience in the field and prepare learning experiences for students to ensure achievement of learning objectives.
- Partnerships with local veterinarians provide excellent on-the-job-training to prepare students for work experiences after program completion.



SMALL CLASS SIZE ALLOWS
FOR PERSONAL
INTERACTION WITH
INSTRUCTORS



SKILLS

- Students become proficient in a variety of skills.
 - Pet handling, restraint, and nursing techniques in dogs and cats
 - Specimen collection and handling
 - Medication administration
 - Bathing/grooming
 - Pet assessment
 - Record keeping
 - Customer interaction

STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO
PREPARE INJECTIONS



STUDENTS PRACTICE
SMALL ANIMAL ASSESSMENT
SKILLS



PET CPR SAVES LIVES!



AUSCULTATING HEART AND
LUNG SOUNDS ON
“TRACH” THE DOG
SIMULATOR



OPTIMISTIC JOB OUTLOOK

- According to 2017-18 National Pet Owner Survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association, approximately 85 million families in the U.S. own a pet. <http://www.aiaa.org/fact-statistic/pet-statistics>
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has predicted that job openings for vet assistants 9 percent from 2014-2024, faster than average for all occupations. In addition to fast employment growth, high occupational turnover should result in very good job opportunities. <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinary-assistants-and-laboratory-animal-caretakers.htm>

FALCONS AND WARRIORS
WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE
STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY!



CONTACTS

- For additional information about the program:
 - Contact Southeastern Illinois College 618-252-5400 or Rend Lake College 618 437-5321

