

### 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 CARMI 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



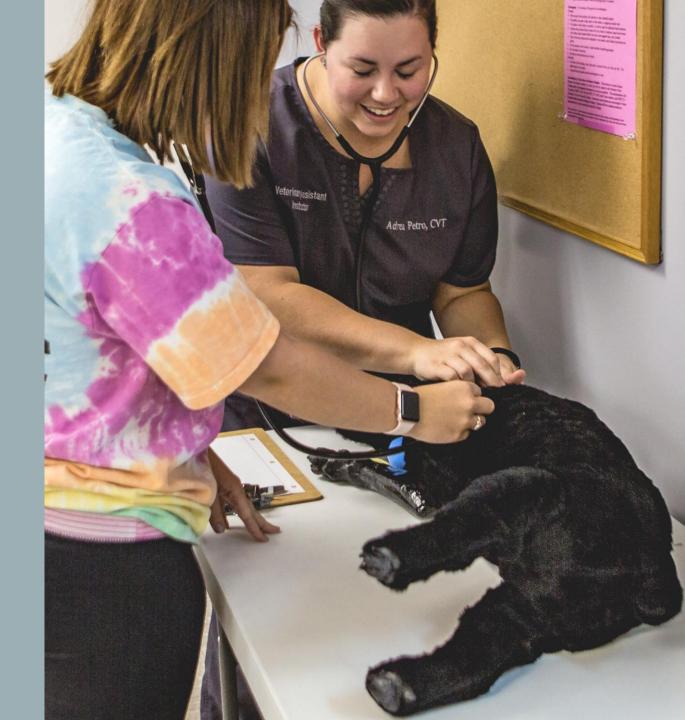
#### **SKILLS**

- 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. <a href="http://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/pet-statistics">http://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/pet-statistics</a>
- 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



