

Certified Veterinary Assistant

Program Information Sheet for 2023-2024

Program Overview

This **24-week program (600 clock hours)** prepares students with the necessary manipulative skills, technical knowledge and experience for entry-level employment as a **veterinary assistant, animal caretaker or kennel attendant**.

Through a combination of lecture, laboratory and clinical experience, students will receive skills training in the following: animal behavior, anatomy, sanitation, nutrition, disease, laboratory work and various animal hospital tasks.

In addition, students will gain real-world, on-the-job training through our **“Community Classroom.”** This unpaid learning experience prepares students for a successful transition into the workplace which includes instruction in a veterinary office working side by side with a veterinarian and veterinary team members.

Program Outcome

Students who successfully pass the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Certified Veterinary Assistant exam on the last day of class become **CVMA Certified Veterinary Assistants**. Students who successfully pass the class may also earn 6 units toward the Veterinary Technician program at Yuba College.



This course is approved for federal financial aid.

Application Process: Apply online at cte.bcoe.org

Application acceptance window:	August 1st - October 13th, 2023		
Program Dates:	January 4th - June 26th, 2024	Acceptance notification made by:	November 7th, 2023
Interview notification made by:	October 23rd, 2023	Program Fee due by close of business:	December 11th, 2023
Interviews by appointment only on:	November 2nd and 3rd, 2023	Application available online at:	CTE.bcoe.org



Location

Butte County CTE
2491 Carmichael Drive, Suite 200, Chico, CA



Prerequisites

- High school diploma or equivalent
- At least 18 years of age
- Ability to read at a 10th grade level
- Basic computer skills
- Science courses or related industry experience suggested
- **COVID-19 vaccination:** Students must be fully vaccinated prior to the start of class (a person is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after completion of their full 2-vaccine series)



Schedule

- Thursday, January 4th, 2024 - Wednesday, June 26th, 2024
- Monday-Friday, 8am - 1pm (schedule may vary during community classroom)
- Community Classroom start date: March 25th, 2024



Estimated Cost

- Program Fee: **\$2,700** (includes registration, classroom materials, study supplies, exam fee)
- Variable Expenses: up to \$340 (textbooks, uniform, shoes)
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