

# Certified Veterinary Assistant

## Program Information Sheet for 2024-2025

### 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](http://cte.bcoe.org)

Application acceptance window:	August 1st - October 10th, 2024		
Program Dates:	January 2 - June 25, 2025	Acceptance notification made by:	November 8, 2024
Interview notification made by:	October 22, 2024	Program Fee due by close of business:	December 10, 2024
Interviews by appointment only on:	November 5-6, 2024	Packet Pickup Dates	December 18-19, 2024



### Location

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



### Schedule

- Thursday, January 2nd, 2025 - Wednesday, June 25th, 2025
- Monday-Friday, 8am - 1pm (schedule may vary during community classroom)
- Community Classroom start date: March 24th, 2025



### 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



### 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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