



**Butte County ROP - Certified Veterinary Assistant
Personal Characteristics and Requirements
2024-2025**

Thank you for your interest in the **Butte County ROP Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA) program**. It is important that you know some information about this program and occupation prior to starting.

Veterinary Assisting is a very physical job, requiring assistants to: regularly lift objects and animals weighing up to 40 pounds, walk and stand for long periods of time (up to 8 hours), bend, kneel, stoop, squat and reach overhead. Veterinary Assistants are required to hold and restrain active animals.

CVA students must be able to perform specific essential functions with or without reasonable accommodation, including:

- Compile and organize information
- Use tools, instruments, and equipment effectively
- Learn and understand procedures
- Maintain accurate records using both words and numbers
- Exhibit fine finger dexterity
- Coordinate hand and eye movements
- Lift heavy objects (up to 40 lbs.)
- Handle and lift various sizes and types of animals
- Evaluate situations based on experience
- Transition between tasks using diverse skills
- Interact with a wide range of animal owners
- Demonstrate a genuine interest and affinity for animals
- Ensure accuracy in work with above-average attention to detail
- Understand how components fit together to form a whole
- Make visual comparisons accurately

In addition, this occupation may include exposure to:

- Aggressive, wild frightened or nervous animals that may bite, scratch or kick
- Strong animal odors, medical preparations, disinfectants and skin disorders (Poison oak)
- Blood, infectious discharges

Student Dress Code

Butte County ROP students are required to adhere to industry dress code standards as specified by each program to include: scrubs, uniforms, badges and safety apparel. In addition, they must also meet industry/ business standard grooming requirements regarding the upkeep of fingernails, hair, makeup, hygiene and body-odor, and/or the presence of piercings and tattoos. *Please note: The Butte County ROP dress code prohibits visible tattoos and/or facial piercings.*

Attendance Standards:

Students may not miss more than three scheduled class/ internship days and must complete all 600 program hours.

Academic Standards:

Students must maintain an 80% coursework performance standard for this program.

I understand and can perform the essential functions of a Certified Veterinary Assistant.

Signature

Date

