



The Veterinary Science Program at Tampa Bay Technical High School is one of the best veterinary assisting programs in the State of Florida. Students seeking a successful career working with animals will find the program stimulating and enjoyable. Upon fulfilling state requirements, students are given the opportunity to become Certified Veterinary Assistants in the State of Florida.

Starting one's career as a veterinary assistant is an exciting pathway for entry into the field of veterinary medicine. Certified veterinary assistants are vital members of the veterinary team and can work in veterinary clinics, animal research facilities, animal shelters, animal hospitals and zoos.

Tampa Bay Technical High School is highly ranked in the district, state and nation for College Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses. The school also offers a comprehensive selection of extra-curricular activities including sports, band, orchestra and a variety of career/interest clubs.



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WHAT WILL I LEARN?



- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Zoology
- Animal Care and Welfare
- Animal Rights
- Breed Identification
- First Aid
- Diagnostic Testing
- Genetics
- Diseases & Parasites
- Surgical Preparation
- Pharmacy
- Breeding
- Grooming

ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS:

- THE 2015 MEDIAN INCOME FOR VETERINARY ASSISTANTS WAS **\$24,360**
- THE JOB OUTLOOK IS SPECULATED TO GROW FASTER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE THROUGH THE YEAR 2024



WHO WE ARE:

- Students acquire real-world experience by working in the school's land lab and through clinical rotations at local veterinary offices, the Florida Aquarium, Bakas Equestrian Center, Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center and the Humane Society of Tampa Bay.
- Students are to complete 500 hours of practical veterinary assisting experience through lab work, clinical rotations and volunteer service.
- The program consistently has high passage rates for the veterinary assisting certification endorsed by the Florida Veterinary Medical Association.
- Students can participate in FFA and HOSA regional, state and national competitions.
- Students in this program can receive college credit if attending St. Petersburg College or Hillsborough Community College in the veterinary technology programs.