
 <b>Effective 2015/2016</b>	<b>Career Cluster ►</b>	<b>Career Pathway ►</b>	<b>VETERINARY ASSISTANT</b> <b>(31-091-3)</b> <i>Technical Diploma</i> Most Courses Offered at Elkhorn Campus
	 Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Animal Systems	

<sup>Δ</sup> <b>Suggested Sequence</b> ✓	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Requisites</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk Lec - Lab</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>	091-101 *	Animal Care and Management	Prereq: Inst. Consent; Coreq: 806-105	3	2-2
	091-102 *	Veterinary Business Practices	Coreq: 091-101	3	2-2
	806-105	Principles of Animal Biology		4	3-2
	809-198	Psychology, Introduction to	Prereq: 838-105 (See Note 1 & 3)	3	3-0
<b>Semester 2</b>	091-103 *	Clinical Pathology I for Vet Sciences	Prereq: 091-101; 091-102	4	2-4
	091-105 *	Surgical Procedures I for Vet Sciences	Coreq: 091-103	3	2-2
	091-107 *	Imaging for Veterinary Sciences	Coreq: 091-103	3	2-2
	801-196	<b>OR</b> Oral/Interpersonal Communication Speech	Prereq: 838-105 (See Note 1)	3	3-0
	801-198				
<b>Summer</b>	091-108 *	Veterinary Pharmacology	Prereq: 834-109 (See Note 1); Coreq: 091-110	3	2-2
	091-110 *	Clinical Skills I for Vet Sciences	Prereq: 091-105 & Inst. Consent	2	0-0-0-8
	091-111 *	Clinical Skills II for Vet Sciences	Prereq: 091-110 & Inst. Consent	2	0-0-0-8
	091-120 *	Animal Behavior		1	1-0
	091-123 *	Veterinary Medical Terminology		2	2-2

**Minimum Program Total Credits Required      36**

<sup>Δ</sup> Courses may be taken out of suggested sequence as long as requisites have been met.



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### Animal Systems

## VETERINARY ASSISTANT

(31-091-3)

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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In this program, students learn basic veterinary assistant skills including how to care for and handle animals, provide medical and surgical nursing, and perform radiography and clinical laboratory procedures. Applicable federal, state, and local law and ethical guidelines are presented to students throughout the program. Students complete clinical work under the direction of certified veterinary technicians and veterinarians. Upon completion of the program, graduates can provide professional support to veterinarians and veterinary technicians in veterinary clinics.

### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Veterinary Assistant program should be able to:

1. Participate in facility management utilizing traditional and electronic media and appropriate veterinary medical terminology and abbreviations.
2. Communicate in a professional manner in all formats - written, oral, non-verbal, and electronic.
3. Follow and uphold applicable laws and ethical codes involved in operation of a veterinary clinic in order to provide high quality care to patients.
4. Accurately and safely label, package, and store therapeutic agents and recognize general types of drugs used in a veterinary clinic.
5. Demonstrate and perform basic patient assessment and therapeutic techniques and husbandry in small companion animals.
6. Assist in performing surgical preparations and post-operative patient monitoring for common surgical procedures in small companion animals.
7. Understand and provide the appropriate instruments, supplies and environment to maintain asepsis for surgical procedures.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of proper handling, packaging and storage of specimens for laboratory analysis to ensure safety of patients, clients, and staff.
9. Safely assist with radiographic procedures and maintain radiographic equipment and records.

### CORE ABILITIES

Gateway believes students need both technical knowledge and skills and core abilities in order to succeed in a career and in life. The following nine core abilities are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all Gateway programs. All Gateway graduates should be able to:

1. Act responsibly
2. Communicate clearly and effectively
3. Demonstrate essential comp. skills
4. Demonstrate essential math skills
5. Develop job seeking skills
6. Respect themselves and others as a member of a diverse community
7. Think critically and creatively
8. Work cooperatively
9. Value learning

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must submit an application & \$30 fee.
2. Students must complete reading, writing, math, and computer skills placement assessments.
3. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
4. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
5. Students must complete a functional ability form verifying they have read and understand the functional abilities for the program.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum 36 credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
2. \*Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements check the Student Handbook.

### NOTES

1. A satisfactory placement test score (or successful remediation) is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.
2. Any course may be taken prior to entry in the program assuming prerequisites and corequisites have been satisfied (or waived with department approval).
3. Transfer credits in Social Science may substitute for this course. See an advisor for details.
4. Students must maintain minimum course grades of "C" or better for all courses marked with an (\*) to remain in the program.
5. A laptop computer, stethoscope, uniform, and other supplies will be needed.
6. Nearly daily exposure to latex and/or animal fur and dander will occur in this program. Those with sensitivities may find exposure impossible to avoid.
7. Immunocompromised individuals should consult their physician before enrollment.
8. Clinical sites are located throughout and potentially outside the district. Students are responsible for their own transportation.
9. Some clinical sites require TB testing and immunizations against tetanus and hepatitis B. Rabies immunization is recommended.
10. This program is full-time. Students should expect to be in class Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm.
11. Please note that your program may require additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Documentation Manager, and/or Drug Testing.
12. Microbiology (806-197) is recommended as an elective course.
13. Students admitted to the program must complete a volunteer shadowing experience in an approved clinical setting prior to registering for a Veterinary Assistant course. Documentation requirements will be included in the program admission packet.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for a period of two years or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult Web Advisor for exact fee amounts. Occasionally, the District may offer a particular course out of published sequence. By doing so, the District does not obligate itself to offer succeeding courses out of published sequence.

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To schedule an appointment with an advisor, please call 1-800-247-7122.

For a complete list of course descriptions (and possible online courses) for this program, please consult Web Advisor on our web page at [www.gtc.edu](http://www.gtc.edu).

My advisor is \_\_\_\_\_. My advisor's contact information is \_\_\_\_\_.