



ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT

Program Description

The Animal Care and Management Associate in Applied Science Degree is designed to provide students with a foundational knowledge of related terminology, biology, husbandry and career opportunities. Graduates of this program will have solid skills to support movement into pet care services management. The graduate will possess knowledge of appropriate care of many species of animals useful in pet retail businesses, pet grooming facilities, pet daycare facilities, pet boarding facilities, animal shelters, support positions in veterinary clinics. Areas of study in addition to the general education requirements include an introduction to animal science, animal anatomy and physiology, animal nutrition, introduction to business as well as other opportunities.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Associates in Applied Science degree in Animal Care and Management will be able to:

- Demonstrate oral, written and technology communication skills to convey animal care standards and protocols for animal related businesses.
- Analyze animal care facilities using critical thinking skills and knowledge of animal species, breeds, and behaviors.
- Demonstrate the ability to work both independently and as a team member in various animal care team environments.
- Describe and explain appropriate professional and ethical behavior relevant to animal care business environments while maintaining recognition for the diversity of opinions, values, cultures, and abilities in small animal businesses.
- Analyze, articulate and communicate animal care information in formats including verbal communication, written communication, and technological forms of documentation.



Career Opportunities

Graduates from the program will be prepared to assume positions in (but are not limited to) pet retail stores, pet grooming facilities, pet daycare facilities, pet boarding facilities and animal shelter facilities. Through their practicum experience, students can develop a focus on any of the previously listed opportunities or gain experience in equine boarding facilities, livestock facilities, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facilities, zoos and exotic animal care facilities and animal based research facilities to build their skills for those job opportunities as well. Students may also be interested in transferring to a four-year program in animal science.

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The sequencing of courses in this program begins in the fall semester.

Students entering in the spring or summer will likely take longer than two years to complete the program.

Curriculum Requirements: 61 Credits	Credits	Grade	Semester taken/anticipated
First Year, Fall Semester (16 credits)			
ACM 101 Introduction to Animal Care & Management	3		
BIO 124/125 Animal Anatomy and Physiology I w/Lab	4		
ENG 101 College Composition	3		
MAT 118 Quantitative Reasoning	3		
VET 110 Animal Nutrition	3		
First Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
BIO 134/135 Animal Anatomy and Physiology II w/Lab	4		
BUS 110 Introduction to Business	3		
CIS 115 Software Applications <i>or</i> CIS 118 Information Technology Fundamentals	3		
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	2		
Second Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
ACC 111 Accounting I	3		
ACM 110 Animal Business Concepts	3		
ENG 212 Business Communication	3		
General Education Core III, Social Sciences	3		
PHI 102 Ethics and Contemporary Society	3		
Second Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
ACM 200 Animal Breeds and Behavior	3		
ACM 210 Human Animal Bond	3		
ACM 250 Animal Care & Management Practicum	3		
Program Elective	3		
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BUS 260

CJS 101

PSY 280

VET 101

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