## 2015-2016 CAVIT Veterinary Assistant Program www.cavitschools.org ~ 520.423.1944

Work with Small, Large and Exotic Animals ~ Assist with Animal Examinations ~ Intern at a Shelter Apply Animal Wound Dressings ~ Assist in Surgeries ~ Take Animal Vital Signs

Program Requirements	Location
<ul> <li>CAVIT district resident</li> <li>Current sophomore, junior or senior</li> <li>Copy of birth certificate (due by July 24)</li> <li>Proof of immunization (due by July 24)</li> <li>Proof of residency (due by July 24)</li> <li>Copy of unofficial transcript (due July 24)</li> <li>CAVIT provides scrub uniform, textbook, dual enrollment.</li> </ul>	CAVIT Central Campus 1789 W. Coolidge Avenue Coolidge, AZ 85128 (Daily transportation provided by the student's home school)
Hours	Credits Issued
Classes begin July 27, 2015	CAVIT - 1 elective credit awarded per semester
Monday - Friday First Year Schedule 1st Session: Adult, CGUHSD, Online-7-9am 2nd Session: CHS, FHS, Imagine- 9:30-11:30am 3rd Session: MHS, PBHS, SCVUHS, Sequoia, STFHS, Villa-12:30-2:30pm Two years/720-hour program	13 Dual enrollment veterinary assistant college credits (listed below) awarded during second year of program from the following colleges* Central Arizona College ANS 195 - Careers in Veterinary Science Pima Community College VET 106 - Veterinary Practice I VET 107 - Veterinary Practice II VET 108 - Introduction to Veterinary Facilities *Students must meet the college's reading requirement in advance of the second year in order to receive college credit.
Industry Certifications	Career Pathways
American Heart Association CPR/AED Pet Tech Animal First Aid/CPR Veterinary Assistant Practice Certificate	Veterinary assistant, laboratory animal caretaker, groomer, animal handler Entry level salary range: \$9.24 - \$11.12 per hour*
<ul> <li>Approved Veterinary Assistant certification offered through National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)*</li> <li>*Approved veterinary assistant certification is subject to students successfully passing CAVIT's two-year program and national examination.</li> <li>Testing fee reimbursement is provided for students passing industry exam.</li> </ul>	*Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment & Wages To become a veterinary technician, students will need to pursue an associate's degree with an approved postsecondary program.

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## **Program Highlights**

- Experience the reward of saving and caring for animals.
- Manage an animal wellness clinic delivering quality veterinary services including examinations, assisting in surgeries and developing x-rays.
- Work with animals such as dogs, cats, horses, and goats as part of a professional veterinary team.

## **Student Success Indicators**

- History of good attendance and discipline
- Strong interest in career pathway
- Strong technical reading skills

The textbook for this course is written at the college reading level. Because of its technical vocabulary and sentence structure, students may need to develop new reading strategies to ensure successful comprehension.

Grading Scale		
Grade	Percent	
А	90%-100%	
В	80%-89%	
С	70%-79%	
F	69%-0%	

\*Students must earn 80% or higher each semester in order to progress and complete the program.

Students are Graded on the Following:		
First Year Instructional Units	Second Year Instructional Units	
Veterinary Office Procedures	Small and Large Animal Nursing	
Medical Terminology	Laboratory Procedures	
Animal Breeds and Husbandry	Radiology and Imaging	
Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology	Pharmacology	
Veterinary Diseases	Surgical Procedures	
Small and Large Animal Nursing	Community Service	