

# VA 3000

## Veterinary Assistant

TUITION DURATION TARGET CERTIFICATION

\$4,000 26 weeks Approved Veterinary Assistant (AVA)

ISSUING AUTHORITIES



REQUIREMENTS

High School Diploma or GED  
Minimum of 6-months related experience,  
or Associate's Degree



**MedCerts**  
A Stride Company

Call us anytime   
(800)734-1175

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Veterinary assistants play a vital role in the everyday balance of a veterinary hospital or laboratory. As a veterinary assistant, you will provide support to veterinarians and technicians, which in turn allows team members to perform the tasks and responsibilities of their positions. Providing quality care for animal patients by feeding, supplying environmental enrichment, running laboratory testing, and assisting with nursing care are just a few of the things that veterinary assistants do throughout the day.

The online VetBloom Veterinary Assistant Program promises several outstanding features to help you successfully complete the curriculum and obtain your Approved Veterinary Assistant designation.

The skills needed for the AVA exam are taught through comprehensive veterinary assistant training developed by VetBloom (an Ethos Veterinary Health company). You will learn from industry experts all about the animal anatomy and physiology, with a focus on dogs and cats, while gaining invaluable knowledge of medical terminology and animal diseases. In addition, you will learn to care for animals in a veterinary clinic, how to sterilize medical equipment, disinfect and maintain rooms and cages, and provide emergency first aid to animals that are injured or sick.

A typical work environment is in a clinic or animal hospital helping veterinarians and veterinary technicians treat injuries and illnesses of animals. Approved Vet Assistants also carry out routine tasks in veterinary laboratories, such as x-rays, and collecting samples from animals for testing.

VetBloom's industry relevant curriculum will give you the knowledge base and hands-on experience to fast-track you for employment in the rapidly growing vet assistant field. This course will prepare you for the Approved Veterinary Assistant exam and give you the skills you need to advance your career in veterinary medicine. The cost for registration of the Approved Veterinary Assistant exam is covered by MedCerts.

### CAREER SERVICES

For all MedCerts Students that are not affiliated with an employer partner, you also have the added benefit of Job Search Assistance including guidance with resume building, networking, interviewing, and job search tips.

### ATTAINABLE CAREERS

Veterinary Assistant
----------------------

Throughout the Veterinary Assistant program, students will learn the skills to:

- Maintain safe and clean veterinary hospital environment
- Comprehend basic anatomy, physiology and medical terminology
- Perform basic laboratory skills and record keeping, and pharmacology
- Understand radiation safety and radiography basics
- Know common diseases and medical conditions

*While MedCerts training and related target certifications may be accepted and/or approved by your state of residency, employers reserve the right to dictate pre-requisite education, experience, or certification/licensure requirements for their positions. These requirements may exclude a MedCerts graduate from eligibility. We strongly advise students to research target job posts from area employers and relevant state requirements, barriers or restrictions to ensure eligibility upon graduation.*



TARGET CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications	Issuing Authority	Exam Details
Approved Veterinary Assistant (AVA)	National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)	100 multiple choice questions time limit: 150 minutes

Course Code	Title	Hours	Weeks	Course Materials (Included)
VA-3011	Introduction to Veterinary Assistant and Medical Terminology	35	4	None
VA-3012	Introduction to Patient Care and Handling, and Medical Records	35	4	None
VA-3013	Introduction to Pharmacy, Wellness, and Lab/Exam Room Procedures	35	4	None
VA-3014	Introduction to Surgery and Radiation Safety	35	4	None
VA-3015	Emergency Readiness, Front Office Procedures, and Client Information	35	4	None
	Experiential (Required Externship)	120	6	None

### EXPERIENTIAL/CLINICAL COMPONENT:

Experiential/Clinical Component Requirements – All students are required to complete 120 hours of hands-on experience in a full-service veterinary hospital or clinic. Students are required to document and upload hours each week and upload the skills list once completed. Once you complete this program you will be able to immediately start working with Career Services at MedCerts.

### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENING POLICY:

MedCerts does not perform criminal background checks, nor do we test students for illicit drug use. Please be advised that while MedCerts does not perform these checks, the student's drug, criminal, or immunization status may prevent clinical/externship placement and future employment as a healthcare or IT professional. Externship sites, employers, and State Boards of Pharmacy or other regulatory boards have regulations about immunizations, drug use, and criminal backgrounds. Regulatory boards, externship sites, employers, and other organizations that may require these screenings for placement, and adverse results may prohibit you from moving forward in the program. Candidates with a felony conviction are not eligible to participate in ANY MedCerts program that includes the Pharmacy Technician certification as a primary or secondary certification

The student understands that MedCerts does not hold any control over the drug, immunization, criminal, or background screening processes or policies held by any organization outside of MedCerts.



*Upon 100% completion of this program, students will receive a "MedCerts Certificate of Program Completion." This is proof of completion of training but isn't a nationally recognized certification. Students are expected to take and pass the national certification exam through the issuing authority for recognized certification in their field.*