VETESSENTIALS: AN INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL CARE



Program Description

VetEssentials offers students an introduction to the world of animal health and veterinary care. Through a blend of classroom learning and practical skill development, students will explore topics such as animal handling, basic anatomy, veterinary terminology, clinical procedures, and animal welfare. This program provides a strong foundation for those considering a future in veterinary assisting or animal health fields.

Career Opportunities

- Veterinary Assistant
- Animal Shelter Support Staff
- Pet Boarding and Daycare Attendant
- Farm and Livestock Hand
- Wildlife Rehabilitation Support
- Veterinary Receptionist

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this program the successful student will have reliably demonstrated the ability to: describe the roles of veterinary team members and clinic types, perform basic reception duties using veterinary software, and

identify key anatomy and physiology of small animals. Students will recognize common dog and cat breeds, apply safe animal handling and restraint techniques, and use veterinary terminology in context. They will demonstrate core animal care practices, understand common diseases and the importance of vaccines and wellness exams, and explain animal welfare principles including the Five Freedoms. Additionally, students will identify basic surgical tools and procedures, apply sterile practices, and compare nutritional needs of pets across life stages.

Admission Requirements

- Grade 11 or 12 student
- In good academic standing

Location

College for Arts and Technology
100-1632 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna, BC

Credentials Received

- High school credits towards graduation
- Certificate of Completion from College for Arts and Technology

Tuition

$50 Non-Refundable Deposit

Contact Information

For more information:
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Applications

Applications are available through your school's Career Centre or online at:
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