### About the program:

Students in this program learn how to respect, safely handle and treat classroom animals. The students come to understand the various breeds and species of animals and are able to identify basic requirements for veterinary care and general health maintenance. The students receive training in handling, grooming, feeding, and properly medicating a variety of animals. In addition, animal nutrition, disease and basic first aid are explored. Students also perform the routine technical maintenance and office duties associated with veterinary work. This one-year program meets the sequential elective requirement.

### Topics of study:
- Origin of various animal species
- Animal nutrition, genetics, behavior, and training
- Diseases, symptoms, treatment, and preventative measures for each species
- Handling, grooming, and feeding
- Basic first aid, calculating dosages, and administering medications
- Professional and ethical standards

### Additional Information:

Good job opportunities are expected for most animal care & service workers positions. This area is expected to grow faster than avg. through the decade since the companion pet population is expected to increase. Students entering the program must possess a desire to work with people, good physical condition, enjoy handling & caring for animals, manual dexterity, & a minimum 10th grade reading level. Students must also have completed Biology with a grade of “C” or above.

### Career Opportunities:
- Veterinary Assistant
- Veterinary Technician
- Laboratory and/or animal shelter caretaker
- Kennel Attendant
- Groomer

### Certifications:
- NOCTI Examination