



Small Animal/Veterinary Technician

Youth Apprenticeship

SMALL ANIMAL/VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Small Animal/Veterinary Technician youth apprentices gain skills applicable the care and management of small animals and veterinary technician skills, including supporting office and business duties, preparing animals for care, diagnostic tasks, and monitoring small animals.

Length of Apprenticeship: One year. Youth apprentices must have completed Animal Fundamentals prior to beginning this youth apprenticeship

OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Youth apprentices must complete a **total of 13** competencies per year. **Twelve** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute up to **1** competency per year with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment. Note that where necessary, skills can be simulated. *Note: The successful completion of Animal Fundamentals is required prior to starting this pathway.*

Competencies
1. Maintain client records
2. Schedule appointments
3. Provide service to customers
4. Process financial transactions
5. Setup animal exams and procedures
6. Clean and sterilize equipment
7. Maintain diagnostic equipment
8. Collect diagnostic samples
9. Run basic diagnostic tests
10. Support the administration of routine treatments, vaccines, and medications
11. Prepare surgical suite
12. Prepare animal for surgery
13. Monitor animal responses to non-surgical procedures

POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES

There are several post-secondary pathway opportunities in this area. Following is partial list.

- Animal Science Technician
- Veterinary Technician