CERTIFICATE – CODE #3267

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The Animal Care Assistant certificate program is designed for students who want to work in the animal care field or to gain skills to help them transfer into and succeed in Alfred State College's Veterinary Technician AAS program. The Animal Care Assistant certificate gives these students hands-on skills that will help them find employment in animal care, or to develop the skills and knowledge to help them be successful in a Veterinary Technician or another animal care related academic program if they wish to continue their education after completing the certificate.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Students who complete the Animal Care Assistant (ACA) Certificate3 Program and achieve the following benchmarks will be admitted to the Veterinary Technology program to pursue the AAS degree and be eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) and earn licensure.

These benchmarks include earning a "C" or better in the following courses:

- VETS 1002 - Applied Veterinary Medical Terminology
- VETS 1203 - Introduction to Veterinary Technology
- ANSC 2114 - Domestic Animal Anatomy and Physiology

OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Veterinary Assistant
- Animal Shelter Assistant
- Daycare or Boarding Kennel Assistant
- Zoo
- Pet Store
- Animal Clinic
- Aquariums
- Farm Employee
- Racehorse Groom

RELATED PROGRAMS

Veterinary Technology AAS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Required: Algebra, Geometry, Biology (Living Environment)

Recommended: Chemistry

OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to properly participate in this program may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services. This office may be contacted by email at oas@alfredstate.edu or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations may take time to implement, so students seeking accommodations are encouraged to contact OAS as early as possible.

ANIMAL CARE ASSISTANT (CERT)

TYPICAL TWO-SEMESTER PROGRAM (on campus)

First			
ANSC	1204	Introduction to Animal Science	4
AGRI	1001	Farm Practicum I	1
VETS	1002	Applied Veterinary Med Term	2
MATH	XXX3		3
XXXX	XXX3	Technical Elective	3
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Second			
ANSC	3203	Dairy Cattle Production I	3
VETS	1203	Intro to Veterinary Technology	3
VETS	2333	Domestic Animal Behavior	3
ANSC	2114	Dom Animal Anat & Phys	4
AGRI	2001	Farm Practicum II	1
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Total Credit Hours: 27