



**Butte County Career Technical Education Center  
Regional Occupational Program  
CERTIFIED VETERINARY ASSISTANT  
Personal Characteristics & Requirements**



Thank you for your interest in the Butte County Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) ROP Certified Veterinary Assistant program.

Veterinary Assisting is a very physical job, requiring assistants to: regularly lift objects and animals weighing up to 40 pounds, walk and stand for long periods of time (up to 8 hours), bend, kneel, stoop, squat and reach overhead. Veterinary Assistants are required to hold and restrain active animals.

- Ability to compile information
- Ability to work with tools, instruments or equipment
- Ability to learn and understand procedures
- Use words and numbers to keep accurate records
- Finger dexterity
- Ability to coordinate hands and eyes
- Physical ability to lift heavy objects (up to 40 lbs.)
- Heavy work - including lifting and handling all types and sizes of animals
- Evaluate situations based on experience
- Move from one task to another using a variety of skills
- Work with a wide variety of animal owners
- Genuine interest and liking of animals
- Above average ability to check accuracy of work
- Ability to see how things fit together to form a whole
- Make visual comparisons

**Job May Include Exposure To**

- Aggressive, wild frightened or nervous animals that may bite, scratch or kick
- Strong animal odors, medical preparations, disinfectants and skin disorders (Poison oak)
- Blood, infectious discharges

ROP students are required to wear uniforms and appropriate safety apparel and meet industry/business standard grooming requirements including, nail, hair, makeup, hygiene, body-odor, tattoo and piercing. The ROP dress code prohibits visible tattoos and facial piercing. Students may not miss more than three scheduled class/ internship days and must complete all program hours.

As an applicant to this program, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the essential job qualifications and am capable of performing the skills and abilities outlined in this document with or without accommodation. I understand that my status as a student in this program depends on my continued ability to successfully demonstrate these skills and abilities.