

# Animal Behavior College

## Physical Requirements for Grooming Instruction Program



### Essential Function:

Student will participate in a 2-part program involving home study and an externship. The externship will require the student to experience the daily activities of a groomer while under the professional guidance of a professional groomer in a grooming salon or mobile grooming facility. Students must arrange for their own transportation to their externship location

### ABC Education Requirements:

High School diploma or equivalency  
Minimum of 18 years of age  
Student must pass Scholastic Level Exam

### Essential Skills:

**Reading:** Student must be able to read English at a High School equivalency level.  
**Writing:** Student must be able to write English at a High School equivalency level.  
**Communication:** Student must be able to communicate verbally in English and give both hand directions and voice directions.  
**Observation:** Student must be observant at all times of all persons and animals to maintain a safe working environment.  
**Physical Demands:** See Physical Requirements below.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

**Extreme Temperatures:** Must be able to work in potentially extreme environmental temperatures.  
**Noise:** Extreme loud working environment caused by animals and equipment.  
**Fumes and Odors:** Potentially hazardous chemical and animal odors.  
**Dirt and Dust:** Dirt & Dust accumulated in grooming area.  
**Exposure to chemicals:** Potentially hazardous cleaners, hydrogen peroxide, ammonium cleaners and bleach, disinfectant and other irritant chemicals.  
**Hazardous Materials:** Student must accept the risks of exposure to certain materials including but not limited to communicable diseases, pathogens, anesthesia and biohazardous materials.  
**Other** There will be constant exposure to all types of animal dander, including but not limited to dander from dogs & cats, Consult your physician if you have allergies, asthma or any concerns.

### Equipment Used:

Students must have basic computer skills to use Internet. Students must be able to grasp and use grooming equipment, including but not limited to: clippers, shears, brushes and combs.

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Activity	Not Done (0%)	Occasional (1%-32%)	Frequent (33%-66%)	Constant (67%-100%)
Sitting		X		
Standing			X	
Walking			X	
Bend/Stoop			X	
Squat			X	
Crawl	X			
Climb		X		
Reach above shoulder			X	
Reach below shoulder			X	
Crouch		X		
Kneel		X		
Balance		X		
Push/Pull		X		
Twist/Turn		X		
Lifting: Up to 50lb			X	
Carrying: 1- 50lb			X	

**1. Student must be able to use both hands for repetitive actions.**

**Firm Grasp:** Both Hands

**Fine Manipulation:** Both Hands

**Hands are exposed to water or other liquids on a repetitive basis:** Yes

**Disposable Gloves required:** May be needed

**2. Repetitive Movement for feet is required:**

a. **Walking** .....Frequent

b. **Walking at brisk pace**....Frequent, both forward and backwards keeping eyes on animals. Must be able to turn sharply to change direction. Must have reasonable degree of agility to move through tightly cramped areas in various situations.

**3. Miscellaneous Physical Requirements:**

a. Must have good range of motion in joints especially wrist, knees, and elbows

b. Must have good range of motion in back

c. Must have acceptable sense of touch and smell

d. Must have acceptable sense of balance

f. Must possess excellent hand-eye coordination

g. Must possess good dexterity in hands and fingers

**4. Visual Requirements and Hearing Requirements:**

a. **Does the program require a minimal visual acuity?** Yes, student must be able to comprehend fine details while observing animals and people in close proximity and up to 30 ft. away; Vision must include good peripheral, distance, depth perception, and ability to focus.

b. **Does the program require differentiation of color?** No

c. **Can the student wear glasses/contacts?** Yes

d. **Does the program require minimal hearing acuity?** Yes, student must be able to discern animal vocalization such as changes in pitch, normal speech at close contact and shouting up to 30 ft. away.

e. **Does the program require driving motorized vehicle or equipment?** No, students must arrange own transportation while in program.

**5. Other specific criteria:**

- a. Student must be able to withstand being jumped on by small and large animals.
- b. Student must be able to physically restrain small and large animals, manually.
- c. Student must be able to handle prolonged exposure to a variety of solutions, including but not limited to: dish soap, hydrogen peroxide, ammonium cleaners and bleach.
- d. Student must be able to cope with the handling and processing of bodily fluids.