Animal Behavior College (ABC)

Physical Requirements for Veterinary Assistant Training Program

Essential Functions:

Student will participate in a 2-part program involving home study and an externship. The externship will require the student to experience the daily tasks of a veterinary assistant while under the professional guidance of a veterinarian or other veterinary professional in a veterinary environment. 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
Observation: Student must be observant at all times of all people and animals to maintain a safe environment
Physical Demands: See specific Physical Requirements below.

Emotional and Mental Requirements for Admission

1. Must be able to cope with death either due to surgical complication or euthanasia
2. Must be able work under stressful conditions
3. Must be able to handle being present during all surgical situations

Environmental Conditions

Extreme Temperatures: Must be able to work in potentially extreme environmental temperatures
Noise: Loud working environment caused by animal noises such as barking, etc
Fumes, Dust, Odors: Chemical odors, animal odors, dust in kennel areas
Exposure to chemicals: Cleaners, disinfectants and other irritant chemicals
Other: Constant close exposure to animal dander and hair.
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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 or Constant
   b. Walking at brisk pace....Frequent, both forward and backwards keeping eyes on animal interaction and human/animal interaction. 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
   e. Must be able to work and reach on hands and knees
   f. Must possess excellent hand-eye coordination
   g. Must possess good dexterity in hands and fingers
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4. Visual Requirements and Hearing Requirements:
   a. Does the program require a minimal visual acuity? Yes, student must be able to visually
      observe persons and animals in close proximity as well as up to 30 feet away. Student must
      possess good vision including peripheral, fine detail, 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, normal speech at close contact and
      shouting up to 30 feet away, also ability to hear and discern animal vocalizations, changes in
      pitch, both soft and loud.
   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, chlorhexidine, spectra soap, isopropanol, hydrogen peroxide,
      ammonium cleaners and bleach.
   d. Student must be able to cope with the handling and processing of bodily fluids.
   e. Student must accept the risks of exposure to certain materials including but not limited to
      pathogens, radiology, anesthesia and biohazardous materials.