

# ABC CERTIFIED VETERINARY ASSISTANT

Are you passionate about helping animals? Do you want to help sick or injured pets live long, happy and healthy lives?

You can make that dream a reality! Pursue a rewarding career as a Veterinary Assistant in as little as 12 months. Our program combines the flexibility of home study with invaluable real-life experience in an animal hospital.

## What You'll Learn

- Stage 1 – Veterinary Office Etiquette and Hospital Procedures
- Stage 2 – Animal Restraint
- Stage 3 – Examination Room Procedures
- Stage 4 – Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- Stage 5 – Surgical Preparation and Assisting
- Stage 6 – Small Animal Nursing
- Stage 7 – Laboratory Procedures
- Stage 8 – Radiology and Ultrasound Imaging
- Stage 9 – Career Building
- Stage 10 – Externship and Pet CPR & First Aid Certificate
- Stage 11 – Final Exam and Graduation

Our Veterinary Assistant course is one of only a few online veterinary assistant programs to be approved by the **National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)**.



# ABC CERTIFIED AQUARIST

DO YOU LOVE FISH AND AQUARIUMS?

IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MARINE LIFE, AQUASCAPES AND ALL THINGS RELATED TO FISHKEEPING, ABC'S AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IS PERFECT FOR YOU.

OUR PROGRAM IS PACKED WITH INFORMATION TO EDUCATE YOU IN THE ART, SCIENCE, AND BUSINESS OF AQUARIUM DESIGN, FISHKEEPING AND AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE.

GET CERTIFIED AND START YOUR CAREER WORKING WITH FISH AND MAINTAINING BEAUTIFUL AQUARIUMS AND FISH ECOSYSTEMS FOR YOUR POOL OF CLIENTELE.

## What You'll Learn

- STAGE 1 – AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE BASICS
- STAGE 2 – AQUARIUM SETUP BASICS
- STAGE 3 – FRESHWATER AQUARIUMS
- STAGE 4 – SALTWATER AQUARIUMS
- STAGE 5 – POND BASICS
- STAGE 6 – SPECIES GUIDES AND SOURCING
- STAGE 7 – EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
- STAGE 8 – COMMERCIAL AQUARIUMS
- STAGE 9 – BUSINESS BUILDING
- STAGE 10 – FINAL EXAM AND GRADUATION

THE AQUARIUM INDUSTRY IS MORE COMPLICATED THAN JUST PICKING OUT PRETTY FISH AT THE STORE AND SETTING UP A TANK. MAINTAINING AN AQUARIUM CAN BE A WONDERFUL HOBBY BUT IT CAN ALSO BE A PROFESSION.

THE INDUSTRY IS MADE UP OF PROFESSIONAL AQUARISTS, FISH BREEDERS AND DISTRIBUTORS, INDEPENDENT FISH STORE OWNERS, AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE PROFESSIONALS AND AQUARIUM CLEANING SERVICES.

GET CERTIFIED IN AS LITTLE AS 8 MONTHS AND BECOME ONE OF THESE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR BOTH HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES THAT HAVE AQUARIUMS.

Ready to take the plunge?

CALL US TODAY AT (800) 795-3294

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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# WHY ABC?

## WE ARE PET LOVERS TOO!

### OUR STAFF CARES ABOUT OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS AND FUTURE CAREERS

- ABC has graduated over 33,000 students
- Our students have donated more than 145,000 volunteer hours to animal shelters
- ABC has been in the pet industry, and dedicated to improving animal lives, since 1998
- ABC has working relationships with thousands of shelters and pet care facilities across the U.S. and Canada
- Animal Behavior College is approved by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

## Are you a Military Spouse?

Use your MyCAA benefits and receive up to \$4,000 toward tuition. Call and let us help you!



# ABC

## Animal Behavior College

Where Animal Lovers Pursue Animal Careers

### USE YOUR MILITARY SPOUSE BENEFITS ON EDUCATION

## LOVE YOUR CAREER

Gain a fulfilling profession helping pets

Mention the code "ABC4ME" for \$75 off enrollment

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## ABC CERTIFIED CAT TRAINER

Do you love cats?

There are more pet cats in the US than dogs, and even more surrendered to shelters!

Unfortunately, a lot of our feline friends are surrendered to shelters or abandoned because of preventable unwanted behaviors like scratching, spraying, biting and more. Make a difference in the lives of cats and their owners! Learn the skills necessary to address and prevent these unwanted behaviors.

### What You'll Learn

- Stage 1 – A Basic Overview of Cats
- Stage 2 – Learning Theories and the Feline Mind
- Stage 3 – Cat Training Tools, Behavior Modification Products & Essential Cat Care Items
- Stage 4 – Preventing Unwanted Behaviors
- Stage 5 – Basic Cat training
- Stage 6 – Cat Behavior Management and Treatment
- Stage 7 – Cat Nutrition and Basic Care
- Stage 8 – Safety Concerns, Techniques & Practices
- Stage 9 – Business Building
- Stage 10 – Shelter Experience and Pet CPR & First Aid Certification
- Stage 11 – Final Exam and Graduation

Become an ABC Certified Cat Trainer and help ensure felines have forever homes. Plus, if you are already a dog trainer, knowing how to train and work with cats makes you a more valuable trainer for hire. This rewarding career can be yours!

## ABC CERTIFIED PET GROOMER

Looking for a more creative career?

Important pet health starts with proper grooming!

Learn gentle grooming techniques that will protect pets and create a more relaxed grooming experience. Pet grooming gives you the opportunity to build long-lasting relationships with clients and their pets. Start your career path with our program which combines an online pet grooming course with invaluable hands-on training.

### What You'll Learn

- Stage 1 – Introduction to Grooming
- Stage 2 – A Groomer's Toolbox
- Stage 3 – Health & Safety
- Stage 4 – Cat Grooming
- Stage 5 – Dog Grooming Details
- Stage 6 – Bathing, Brushing, and Drying
- Stage 7 – Clipper Use and Scissor Control
- Stage 8 – Breed Profiles and Mixed-Breed Styling
- Stage 9 – Career Building Skills for the Professional Pet Groomer
- Stage 10 – Hands-On Externship and Pet CPR & First Aid Certificate
- Stage 11 – Final Exam and Graduation

Students receive a minimum of 150 hours of hands-on training in an ABC-approved grooming facility local to you.



## ABC CERTIFIED DOG TRAINER

Do you love dogs?

Do you want to improve the lives of man's best friend?

Help make a difference in the lives of dogs and their owners! Learn positive reward-based training methods and acquire in person experience with a professional dog trainer. Certified trainers enjoy a variety of career options. They can start their own business, work for an established company, or work in an animal shelter or pet store.

### What You'll Learn

- Stage 1 – A Basic Overview of Canines
- Stage 2 – Learning Theory
- Stage 3 – A Dog Trainer's Toolbox
- Stage 4 – Dog Training Fundamentals
- Stage 5 – Basic Obedience Dog Training Cues
- Stage 6 – Effective Problem Solving
- Stage 7 – Dog Training Safety
- Stage 8 – Public Speaking & Conducting Training Lessons
- Stage 9 – Building a Dog Training Business
- Stage 10 – Externship and Pet CPR & First Aid Certificate
- Stage 11 – Final Exam and Graduation

Do you prefer an in person, fully immersive, face to face educational experience?

We also offer a specialized and intensive on campus option for our Dog Training Program in beautiful Santa Clarita, CA. Visit us online to learn more!

## ABC CERTIFIED ZOOKEEPER ASSISTANT

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT EXOTIC ANIMALS?

IF YOUR PASSION FOR ANIMALS EXTENDS TO THE LARGER, MORE WILD AND EXOTIC BREEDS, CONSIDER BECOMING AN ABC CERTIFIED ZOOKEEPER ASSISTANT.

AS A ZOOKEEPER ASSISTANT, YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF ANIMALS EVERYDAY BY HELPING TO CARE FOR AND WORK WITH WILDLIFE IN ZOOS, REHABILITATION CENTERS, CONSERVATION CENTERS AND MUCH MORE.

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESERVATION OF RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES BY LEARNING ABOUT AND PARTICIPATING IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

### What You'll Learn

- STAGE 1 - INTRODUCTION TO ZOOS AND ZOOKEEPING
- STAGE 2 - EXOTIC ANIMAL HOUSING AND EXHIBITS
- STAGE 3 - ANIMAL HEALTH
- STAGE 4 - ZOO CONSERVATION AND BREEDING PROGRAMS
- STAGE 5 - EXOTIC ANIMAL BEHAVIOR, ENRICHMENT AND TRAINING
- STAGE 6 - DAILY ZOOKEEPING ROUTINES AND HUSBANDRY
- STAGE 7 - ZOOKEEPING SAFETY
- STAGE 8 - ZOO VISITOR EDUCATION AND RELATIONS
- STAGE 9 - BUILDING YOUR ZOOKEEPER ASSISTANT CAREER
- STAGE 10 - FINAL EXAM AND GRADUATION

OUR ZOOKEEPER ASSISTANT PROGRAM PREPARES YOU TO WORK IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS AND MAY GIVE YOU A LEG UP ON OTHER ENTRY LEVEL APPLICANTS AS IT SHOWS POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS THAT YOU HAVE DEDICATED YOURSELF TO ESTABLISHING A STRONG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CAREER PATH.

Take a walk on the wild side!



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# EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH OUR SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER SO WHY STOP WITH THE BASICS?

ADD MORE TO YOUR ANIMAL CAREER RESUME AND SHOW POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS AND CLIENTS YOUR ADVANCED LEVEL OF SKILLS!

OUR SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE YOU MORE COMPETITIVE AS A JOB CANDIDATE WITH SKILLS AND EDUCATION ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Training Shelter Dogs
- The Art of Selling and Teaching Private Lessons
- Pet Sitting and Dog Walking
- Doggie Day Care
- Pet Fostering
- Pet Nutrition and Diet
- Pet Massage



ABC short-term are self-study continuing education courses that are perfect additions to your educational development.

Each online course is jam-packed with valuable, up-to-date and relevant information that enhances one's knowledge in the animal industry.

Check out our website for the latest updates on new short-term programs!

# ARE THERE VIABLE CAREER PATHS IN THE PET INDUSTRY?

Let's face it; there are millions of people who love animals. However, many people don't know how large the pet industry is in the United States and what opportunities exist for people who want to turn their passion for animals into a viable career.

In 2021, spending on pets in the United States was 110 billion dollars. What's more, industry growth has increased every year for the last 20 years. As of 2021, there were 90 million dogs and about 85 million cats kept as pets in the US. These figures are dwarfed by the almost 140 million fish kept by aquatics lovers in the United States. The pet industry includes over 13,200 pet stores, over 25,000 veterinary facilities, and about 15,000 grooming salons. The point here is that there are many opportunities for pet lovers looking for viable jobs and careers in an industry this large and diverse.

**Here are a few of the animal industry careers we recommend:**

## VETERINARY ASSISTANT

Why? This is a great way to work on a veterinary team, and starting as a veterinary assistant could act as a stepping stone to becoming a veterinary technician or veterinarian. Unlike those professions, veterinary assistants don't require a college degree. Certifications like the NAVTA-approved ABC Veterinary Assistant Program can let potential employers know that you have the academic foundation and dedication they seek. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 14% increase in the employment opportunities for veterinary assistants over the next decade. This is a faster-than-average growth projection.

## PET GROOMER

Why? There hasn't been a surplus of pet groomers since the 1960s. With over 15,000 salons and millions of dogs needing grooming, this is a skill you can utilize just about anywhere in the nation. If you love dogs, have an artistic eye and like working with your hands, grooming might be your new career. Certifications like ABC's Pet Grooming Program can let potential employees know you have the academic foundation and dedication they seek. In addition, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the growth for Animal Care and Service Workers, which includes pet groomers, will grow by 33% over the next 10 years, a much faster-than-average projection.

## DOG TRAINER

Why? There are 90 million dogs in the U.S., which means many training opportunities. Dog trainers can make a tangible difference in the lives of dogs and the people who love them. If you are interested in behavior, love interacting with dogs, and helping people, this might be your career. There are opportunities for dog trainers in pet store chains and private dog training companies. About 70% of dog trainers operate and own part- or full-time companies making this profession great for aspiring people wishing to be their own boss. Dog training programs and certifications such as the one offered by ABC give dog lovers the academic and hands-on foundation to start in this rewarding profession. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the growth for Animal Care and Service Workers, which includes animal trainers, will grow by 33% over the next 10 years, a much faster than average projection.

## CAT TRAINER

Why? 85 million cats need everything from litter box training to socialization to learning not to scratch the furniture. Our program focuses on common behavior challenges and ways to address them positively. Cats can be trained, and more and more cat owners are turning to cat trainers to assist them. Cat training programs and certifications such as the one offered by ABC give cat lovers the foundation to start in this rewarding profession. Increasing numbers of dog trainers are also learning how to train cats because it allows dog trainers to learn an additional marketable skill. It also affords them the opportunities to help more animals find and stay in forever homes.

## AQUATICS MANAGEMENT

Why? Over 140 million fish are kept by people in the USA, making fish the most popular pet choice in the nation. Popularity also equates to opportunity, which is why the aquatics industry in the United States was worth 2.59 billion dollars in 2020 and is expected to grow in the next decade. Roughly 11% of all fish owners use a service to help them design and maintain their aquariums. This means there are opportunities for trained aquarists. Aquarists can work in zoos and aquariums and start businesses that service and create aquariums for individuals and companies. Our aquatics management program is also popular with dedicated fish hobbyists who are looking to take their passion for fish and creating aquatic environments to the next level.

## ZOOKEEPER ASSISTANT

Why? Many animal lovers want to work with and possibly help exotic animals. For some, interacting with everything from anteaters to zebras would be a dream come true. The question is, how does someone get to work at a zoo or exotic animal sanctuary or rescue? The answers vary, but one way is to become a zookeeper assistant. ABC's Zookeeper Assistant Program can start you on your journey by giving you the academic foundation for what might be a fabulous path.

**Start your new path today!**

**Call us at (800) 795 - 3294**

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