



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Horizon School of Veterinary Assisting. Enclosed you will find a copy of our school catalog (down load separately if you are accessing our catalog on line), class of 2011-2012 information sheets, and a complete application package.

This catalog should answer any questions you have regarding the program, finances and school policies. An application for admission is located in this packet of information. Although the application states the deadline of May 1, 2011, if you are sure you would like to become a student in the 2011-2012 class we recommend applying early, as applications are processed as they are received, and a waiting list is often needed. Applications will be accepted after the deadline on a space available basis.

All applicants regardless of GPA and essay questions will be required to complete a personal interview. Students accepted for interviews will be contacted for an interview appointment after a review of the completed application, essay questions and transcripts.

This program is administered at an accelerated pace and covers topics in depth. Students should expect to spend 2 hours a week per hour of lecture time completing coursework and reading materials on their own. Students who are successful in this program have strong study skills, are able to work independently and have good communication skills.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may reach me directly at 920-882-4302. You may also email me at deb@horizondvm.com.

Sincerely,
Deb Stafford, CVT, VTS (ECC)
President



Class of 2011-2012 **Information Sheet**

Schedule (This schedule is tentative)

Lectures are held Monday and Tuesday from 9am and 1pm
The first day of class will be Monday September 12, 2011
First Semester will end Tuesday December 20, 2010
Second Semester of class will begin Monday January 9, 2012
Graduation will be Tuesday May 22, 2012
Internships will be held April 2-28, 2012

Tuition

Tuition for the class of 2011-2012 is \$5,500.00
First semester tuition is \$2,900.00
Second semester tuition is \$ 2,600.00

Our program is approved by the Wisconsin Education Approval Board and holds no national program accreditation, therefore our students are **NOT eligible to receive any State or Federally funded financial aid, student loans or scholarships ** We do offer a payment plan for students if necessary. Please contact the school to discuss this option.

Practical Skills – Hands on work

This coursework is not completed during regularly scheduled lecture hours on Monday and Tuesday. Veterinary Assisting Practical Skills consists of a minimum of 2 hours per week of structured hands on experience and Shadow Lab consists of a minimum of 2-4 hours of hands on experience. Veterinary Assisting Practical Skills will begin the week of October 3, 2011 and Shadow Lab will start 2 weeks later.

We understand most of our students are trying to maintain employment or may have other family responsibilities while attending school. Shadow Lab time may be completed at almost any time 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Every attempt will be made to meet each student's individual needs for structured hands on times, but be aware there may be situations where the "perfect" time for this experience may not exist for every student each week. It will be the students responsibility to ensure they are flexible enough with their schedule to allow this time for their education.

Work Experience – Please list most recent job first, including position:

References: Please provide two professional and one personal (not a relative) reference. Include name, address, phone number and relationship to applicant.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a traffic violation? _____
If yes, please explain.

I have read and understand all of the policies of the Horizon School of Veterinary Assisting as outlined in the school catalog I received with this application.

Applicant's Signature **Date**

Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age

Horizon School of Veterinary Assisting provides educational opportunities for all persons regardless of age, race, creed, disability, sex, religion, sexual preference, or political affiliation.

Office use only:

- Application complete and signed (WEB)
- Essay questions completed correctly and enclosed
- Transcripts enclosed
- Application fee enclosed

_____ Date application received
Application reviewed by _____

Accepted for interview _____ Interview date _____

Horizon School Of Veterinary Assisting

Prospective Student Essay Questions

The Horizon School of Veterinary Assisting prides itself in providing the best education for the most qualified students. It is important to us that our students have a full understanding of the veterinary assistant profession. These questions were developed to help students seriously consider the career they are choosing as well as to assist us in choosing the best candidates for our program. This is an extremely important part of your application; please follow the directions given, think through your answers and the presentation of those answers. Please submit your answers to the following questions typed on a separate sheet of paper unless the question asks specifically for you to hand write the answer. Begin with the question, and then proceed with your answer.

1. Without mentioning your love for animals, why do you want to become a veterinary assistant?
2. What are your expectations from a career as a veterinary assistant?
3. Thinking about your previous educational experiences, what were your favorite classes, why were they your favorite?
4. Thinking about your previous educational experiences, what were your least favorite classes, why did you not enjoy these classes?
5. What are your beliefs regarding euthanasia? (Please hand-write, in your own writing, this question and answer on a separate sheet of paper).
6. Do you feel pet ownership is a right or a privilege? Why?
7. What personal qualities do you possess that will make you a great veterinary assistant?
8. Have you ever worked or shadowed in a veterinary facility? If yes, please remark on your specific experience.
9. Have you researched the financial side of this career? If yes, what wage are you anticipating after graduation? Where did you obtain this information?
10. Have you considered that working at a veterinary practice is like working at any other for profit business, and that you will need to deal with the financial, and human end of veterinary medicine as well as dealing with the patients? How do you feel you will be able to handle this?