



Lawrence County Career & Technical Center

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to have your child as a veterinary assistant student! This program is designed to prepare students for an entry-level position in a veterinary hospital or clinic. Individuals will learn essential veterinary career skills such as; restraint, therapeutic techniques, handling medical records, and much more. Students will also be equipped to succeed in a post-secondary Veterinary Technician program. The course will be challenging daily but provide a chance for an enjoyable, long-lasting career in veterinary medicine. Career opportunities include but are not limited to a Veterinarian, Veterinary Technician, Veterinary Assistant, Animal Control Worker, Groomer, Laboratory Animal Caretakers, and Animal Trainer.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the instructor of the Veterinary Assistant/Pre-Veterinary Technician program at LCCTC. My name is Ariel Yanak and I have been a certified veterinary technician since 2012. I am a graduate from Stautzenberger College. I have experience in treating and handling small and large animals. I have had the opportunity to learn skills and techniques from many great veterinarians, which I will be able to pass on to the individuals in the program. My goal for the students in the program is that they will be competitive with their hands-on skills and book knowledge for the veterinary work force upon completing the coursework.

Parents/Students responsibility:

- A. At least (2) solid black nursing scrub uniforms, close-toed shoes, and no loose jewelry
- B. Hair pulled back, if long
- C. 3-Ring binder, minimum of 3in

Students in the program are allowed to bring their own dogs in to be worked on as long as the proper paperwork is completed. Please be aware that this is a privilege. If a student demonstrates violations of the student code of conduct, this privilege may be revoked. Veterinary assistant students have the opportunity to complete hands-on volunteer experience through local animal agencies such as Tails of Hope spay and neuter facility and Shenango Valley Animal Shelter. The students who may attend these weekly workdays must be elite individuals who show a strong work ethic, passing grades in shop and academics, no discipline referrals, as well as maintain a sense of professionalism in shop and at the work site.

This is an academically rigorous shop. In addition to course work, the students will be required to complete book reports for the school year from a preselected list of books. There will also be a final based on content taught throughout the school year. As well as multiple essays. A passing grade on the final and exceptional work ethic throughout the school year are required to move onto the advanced and/or second level of the veterinary assistant program. There is also a physical component to this shop. Individuals should be able to stand on their feet for long periods of time, lift forty pounds, be able think on their feet as well as multitask. Be aware that there is a high volume of animals that are kept and handled in veterinary assistants, students with animal allergies should keep this in mind.

For more information on the veterinary assistant program and LCCTC please visit our website at lctceagles.com.

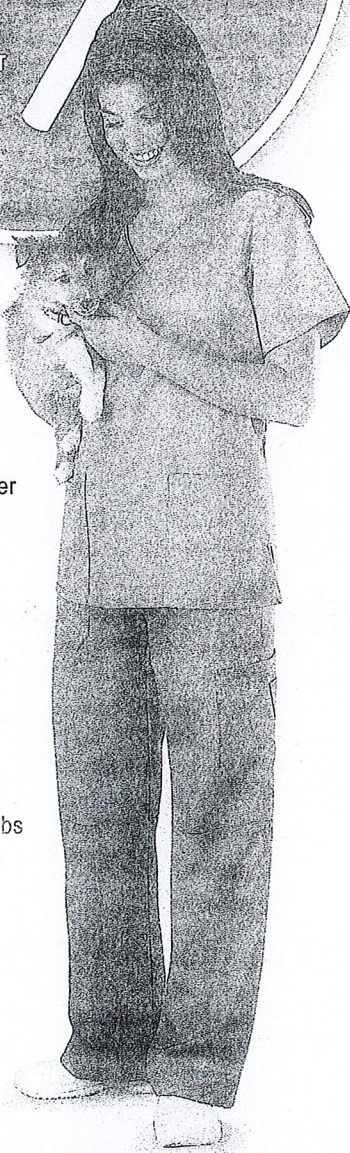
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Veterinary Assistant Instructor
National FFA Organization Advisor

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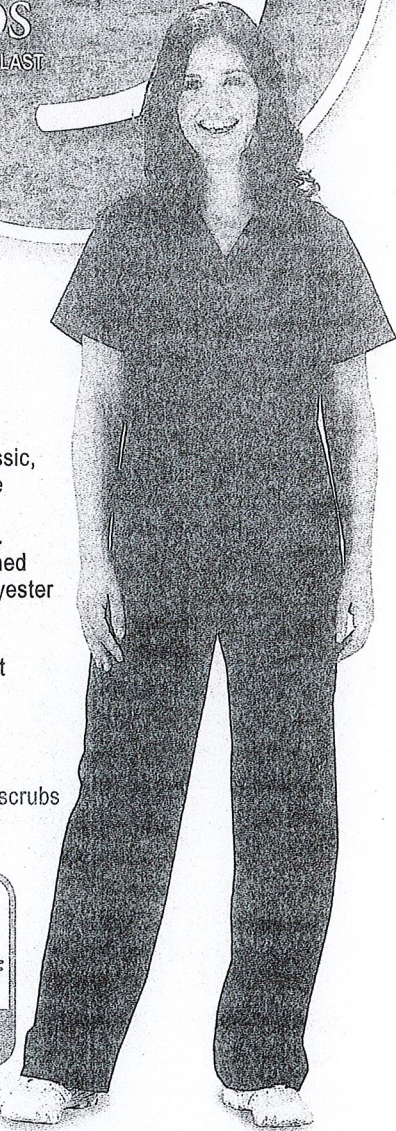
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