MURRAY STATE COLLEGE

Certificate in Veterinary Assistant
2026-27 Completion Check

Name:	**Completed by:**
ID:	**Date:**

Certificate Information

The Veterinary Assistant Certificate will encompass all aspects of routine pet care. Students will learn how to comfort and restrain animals during examinations and treatment, monitor feed and water consumption, clean, sterilize, and maintain kennels, operating rooms, examining rooms, cages, and surgical equipment, assist with laboratory sampling and testing, administer medication, import information into records, and CPR. These courses contain 92 hours of lecture and 60 hours of clinical skills for a total of 142 hours of training. Graduates of this certificate program will be eligible to take a state examination through the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association to become state certified. Veterinary Assistants can work in veterinary practices/hospitals with small, large, and/or exotic animals.

Certificate Requirements

Courses (8 Credits)	**Credits**	**Grade**	**Semester**	**Notes**
VA-1114 Veterinary Assistant I	4			
VA-1214 Veterinary Assistant II	4			

Substitutions must be approved by Program Chair

Total Credit Hours Required: 8

Min 2.0 GPA ☐