

# SMALL ANIMAL CARE

2024-2025



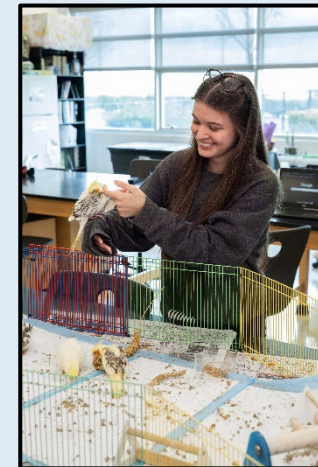
**Small Animal Care** is designed for students who enjoy working with a wide variety of small animal species. The program is an excellent opportunity for students who wish to explore careers in the animal care industry. Students will learn through hands-on experiences in areas such as grooming, customer service and health. Students will also work with reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and birds. The senior program is designed to acquaint students with the field of laboratory animal science, research and medicine. Some of the instructional topics include: history of laboratory animal medicine, body systems and surgical preparation. Upon successful completion of this program, students may earn college credit in associated veterinary technology coursework and the LabDiet course.

## Program Highlights:

- Provide daily care to a variety of animals while working closely with veterinarians, biologists, technicians, and specialists
- Explore veterinary science, surgical procedures, disease prevention, grooming, and training
- Deliver quality customer service in a retail store environment

## The Program Focuses on the Following State Approved Courses:

- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Companion Animal Selection, Nutrition and Management
- Zoo and Aquarium
- Veterinary Science



## COST-FREE COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

### Articulated Credits through Clark State Community College

- Up to 12 Credit Hours

### Articulated Credits through Stautzenberger College

- Up to 6 Credit Hours

## INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS (POINT VALUES)

- National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America - Approved Veterinary Assistant (12 Points)
- Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science (6 Points)
- Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications (6 Points)
- Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation & Management Certification (6 Points)
- Ohio Driver's License (1 Point)

## OHIO MEANS JOBS OCCUPATIONS LISTED ACCORDING TO TYPICAL SALARY

OCCUPATION TITLE	TYPICAL SALARY- BOTTOM 10%	TYPICAL SALARY- MEDIAN	TYPICAL SALARY- TOP 10%	TYPICAL EDUCATION	ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS
Animal Caretakers	\$22,330	\$28,770	\$47,830	HS Diploma or Equivalent	1,860
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians*	\$30,900	\$37,820	\$49,430	Associate's Degree	330
Veterinarians	\$54,340	\$104,560	\$195,140	Doctoral/Professional Degree	130

**JOB OUTLOOK COMPILED BY OHIO MEANS JOBS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2024; VISIT [OHIOMEANSJOBS.COM](https://ohiomeansjobs.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**\*Denotes an In-Demand Occupation in the State of Ohio**

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# EDUCATION WITH PURPOSE CAREER TREE



## TECHNICAL CAREERS

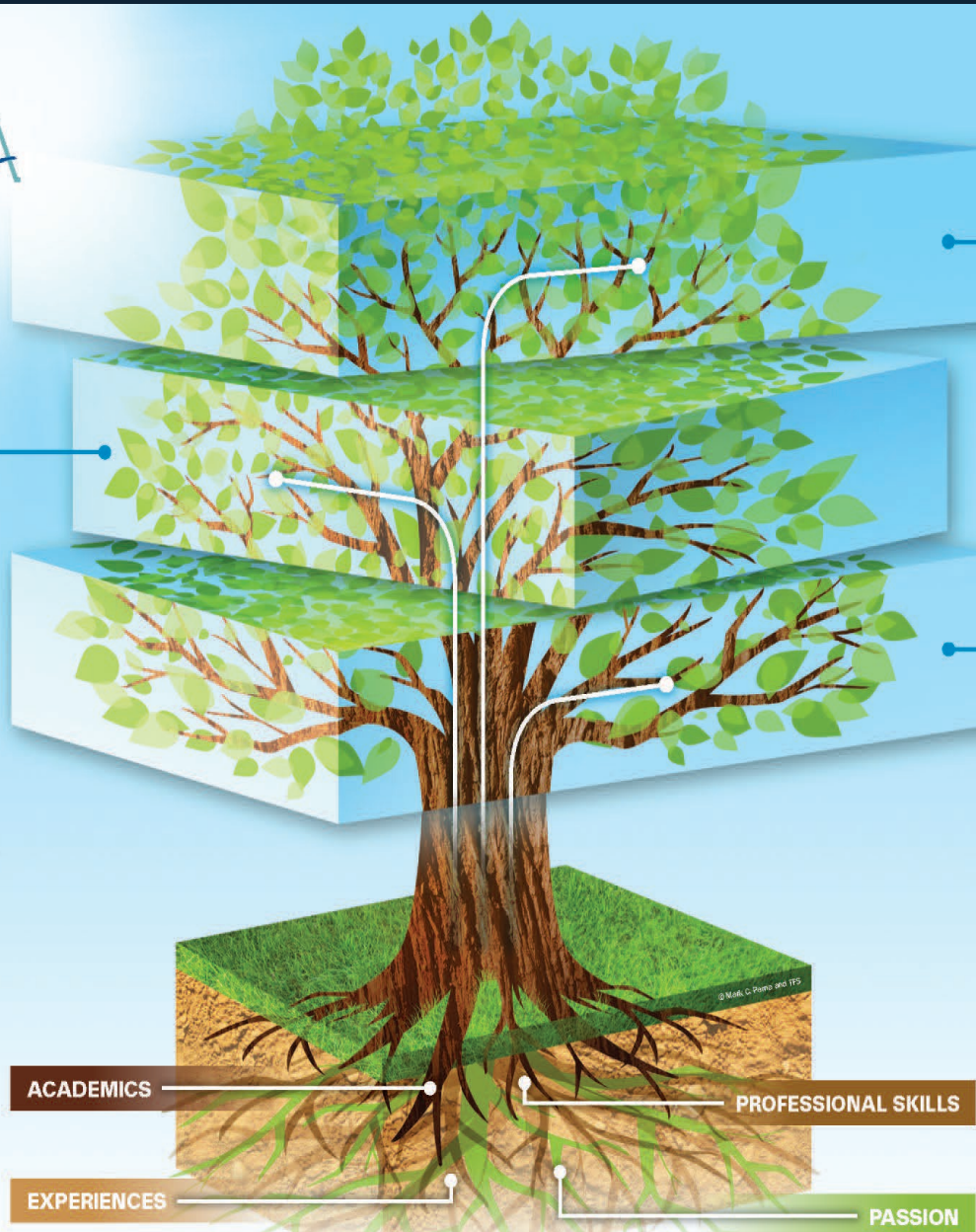
- Veterinary Technician
- Animal Behaviorist
- Animal Trainer
- Laboratory Animal Technician
- Animal Nutritionist
- Wildlife Rehabilitator
- Animal Control Officer
- Breeding Specialist
- Farrier
- 4H Extension Agent
- Animal Massage Therapist
- Animal Business Owner

## PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

- Veterinarian
- Wildlife Biologist
- Research Scientist
- Zookeeper/Zoo Curator
- EPA Special Agent
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Worker
- Animal Control/Cruelty Officer
- High School Animal Science Instructor
- Lobbyist or Lawyer
- Pharmaceutical Sales Representative
- Animal Scientist
- Soil and Water Environmentalist

## ENTRY-LEVEL CAREERS

- Veterinary Assistant
- Animal Handler
- Groomer
- Laboratory Assistant
- Animal Caretaker
- Kennel Worker
- Pet Sitter/Dog Walker
- Farm Manager/Owner
- Pet Store Clerk
- Professional Animal Breeder
- Dude Ranch Wrangler
- Equine Hot Walker



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