



Veterinary Assistant

Important Rabies Vaccination Information

All students in the School of Veterinary Sciences require a rabies vaccination. **Get your rabies vaccination before school starts. Email proof of your rabies vaccination to vetsciences@northern.on.ca before August 6th, 2021.** It is recommended that you begin the process immediately. It takes at least one month to complete this process. See the rabies information sheet.

Equipment List

You will need to purchase:

- closed toed and closed healed indoor shoes
- (2) sets of scrubs or uniforms (any colour) (approx. \$30-\$40 each)
- (1) good quality stethoscope recommended is the 3M Littman® Classic II S.E. (approx. \$110)
- (1) 1" inch wide nylon dog leash 5-6 feet long (any colour)

Scrubs are available in the College bookstore and in many retail stores. Stethoscopes are also available in the College bookstore. You will need to use your stethoscope often therefore make sure to purchase one of good quality.

There is limited space in the Animal Grooming program. However if the grooming program is not completely full, you may be able to take both the Animal Grooming program and the Veterinary Assistant program concurrently and graduate with a double certificate. Additional course fees will be applied to a Veterinary Assistant student who wants to add grooming courses. If interested in the double certificate program, contact Student Services at 705.672.3376 Option 1 Ext. 8801. If you choose to add Animal Grooming courses to your program of study you must purchase a grooming kit.

For general questions contact Northern College's Admissions Office at 866.736.5877, 705.235.7222 or admissions@northern.on.ca.

For additional program information contact the program coordinator:

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If you choose the double certificate option by adding Animal Grooming courses to your Veterinary Assistant program of study, you will need to purchase a College-selected grooming kit prior to the beginning of classes. The cost of the kit is approximately \$1300.

The necessary equipment has been carefully selected to provide you with everything you need (except dryers) to start your own grooming business after graduation.

Additional equipment required:

- 1" inch wide nylon dog leash 5-6 feet long (any colour)
- closed toed and closed healed indoor shoes
- (2) sets of scrubs or uniforms (any colour)
- (2) White Lab coats (approx. \$30-\$60 each)

How to Order the Grooming Kit:

Kits should be ordered at least two months prior to the start of the program. Call Diane Leonard at Ren's Pet Depot at 866.736.7738 ext. 232. Let her know that you are attending Northern College's Animal Grooming program and she will know which kit you will need. Provide Diane with a size for your grooming smock. **Note: If you do not want to purchase this College-selected kit, please be aware of the quality issues you may encounter, both in your course work and in your business when using less expensive equipment and products. The Animal Grooming professors definitely recommend that you purchase the College-selected kit.**

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Cost: Approximately \$600.00

- It is recommended that you make an appointment with your family physician or local health unit to obtain a prescription. It takes at least one month to complete this two or three-step process (depending on type of vaccine). **START EARLY.**
- Ensure the rabies vaccine you obtain is in a series and is a vaccine for **PRE-EXPOSURE**. Post-exposure vaccines are not acceptable.
- Two manufacturers make a vaccine for use in humans. One is called RabAvert made by Merck Frosst and the other is called Imovax made by Aventis Pasteur.
- **Proof of vaccination must be emailed to vetsciences@northern.on.ca before August 6th, 2021.** An official letter from the health unit or doctor's office which includes your name and the dates of administration is required. Failure to submit proof of vaccination will result in students not being permitted to attend animal handling classes.
- If you have been vaccinated for Rabies more than one year ago, you must provide an adequate rabies titre result. A titre means your blood will be analyzed and the level of protection you have against rabies will be measured. **Please email titre results to vetsciences@northern.on.ca before August 6th, 2021.**
- Occasionally, the vaccines are on backorder. In this situation, students are to bring their prescription with them to Haileybury. Once the vaccine is available, students can make an appointment at the local Health Unit for administration. This is only if the rabies pre-exposure vaccine is on backorder.

Temiskaming Health Unit: (705) 647-4305