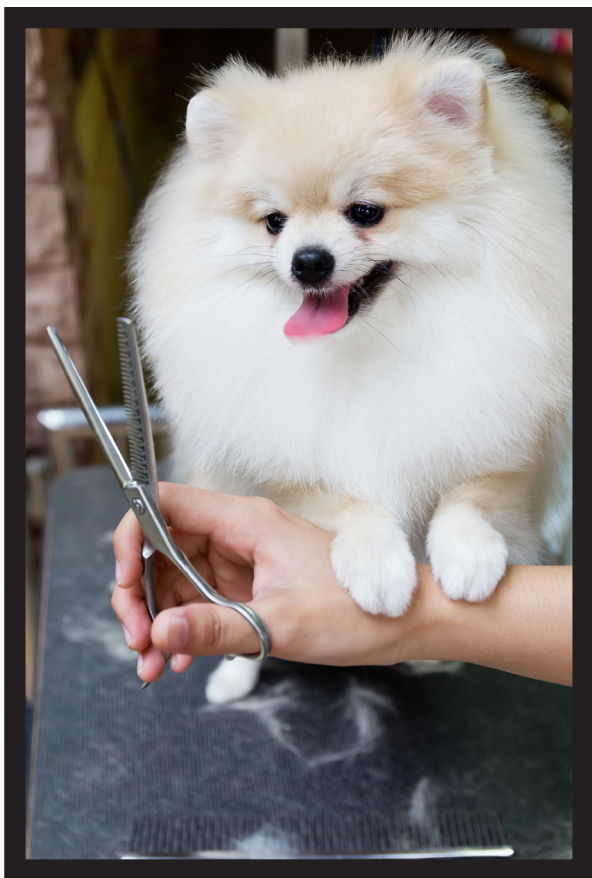


CAREERS IN LESS THAN A YEAR



Professional Pet Grooming Training



For many people, dogs are considered to be members of the family, and they want to provide them with the best possible care. One very important way that people care for their dogs is by having them groomed on a regular basis.

What is the job outlook for veterinary assistants?

Overall employment of animal care and service workers is projected to grow by 23 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Job opportunities should be excellent for most positions. Employment growth and high turnover are expected to lead to many openings for dog trainers, groomers, pet sitters, kennel attendants, and caretakers in shelters and rescue leagues. As the companion animal population grows and the number of pet services increases, more workers will be needed (source: www.bls.gov/ooh).

What credentials can I earn through HCC's program?

The Professional Pet Groomer Training Program is a series of three courses totaling 115 hours of training. Students will need to purchase their own grooming equipment and tools (approximate cost is \$800). Students must complete all three courses in order to receive a certificate of completion. Please note that students will not be given certificates of completion for individual courses.

What classes are available?

- *Principles of Professional Pet Grooming*
Learn the fundamental principles of pet grooming as you discuss topics such as equipment, animal behavior and handling, dog anatomy, breeds, hair and skin disorders, and animal CPR.
- *Professional Pet Grooming Practices Part I*
Get hands-on training at Central Dawgma in Hagerstown. Students will learn bathing and brushing techniques for a variety of breeds.
- *Professional Pet Grooming Practices Part II*
Hands-on training continues as students learn more complex techniques for grooming. Classes will be held at Central Dawgma in Hagerstown.

How do I register?

Students can register online or by phone, fax, or mail. To learn more, call 240-500-2236 or go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/coned/register.