

# Animal Care Training Fact Sheet

<b>Certifying Organization</b>	Allied Health Careers / National Career Certification Board					
<b>Description of Credentials</b>	<p>The Certified Animal Care Worker (CACW) national exam prepares individuals for a career as an Animal Care Worker in a variety of settings.</p> <p>Certified Animal Care Workers (CACW) are responsible for caring for the needs of animals. Job tasks vary by position and place of work, but typical responsibilities include; assisting the Vet Techs, feeding, grooming, bathing, and exercising pets. Animal care workers are employed in various environments, many work in veterinary clinics or kennels while others work in zoos, stables, animal shelters, pet stores, and aquariums.</p> <p>Achieving the National Career Certification Board’s (NCCB) Certified Animal Care Worker (CACW) designation will demonstrate individuals have mastered the necessary skills to be an effective addition to various types of animal care facilities. While a certification is not required to work as an Animal Care Worker, attaining the CACW designation will help workers enhance their skills and establish their credentials.</p> <p>The benefits to becoming a Certified Animal Care Worker (CACW) may include more job opportunities, higher wages, and increased job security</p>					
<b>Entry-Level Annual Salaries</b>	The median annual wage of veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers was \$22,040 in May 2010. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$16,490, and the top 10 percent earned more than \$33,780.					
<b>CTE Program Alignment</b>	AgriScience					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students						
<b>Standard / Curriculum</b>	STANDARD 10.0 DEMONSTRATE CONCEPTS OF ANIMAL MANAGEMENT 10.1 Recognize animal behaviors to facilitate safely working with animals 10.12 Demonstrate proper methods to clean and disinfect animal equipment and facilities					
<b>Testing Methodology (consists of two tests)</b>	<b>Paper?</b>	Yes	<b>Online – Cognitive portion</b>	Yes	<b>Performance Exams / Tests? Psychomotor portion</b>	No
<b>Re-Testing (if available)</b>	<b>Re-Testing Procedures</b>	If you do not pass the actual exam you must purchase it again at a later date.			<b>Max Attempts</b>  <b>One Time</b>	Re-purchase Exam

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Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations )	Our practice exams consist of 30 questions that are randomly selected from the actual certification exam test bank. The practice exams are broken down into 2 separate exams that can be taken up to 3 times each. This gives you a total of 6 exams to help prepare you for certification. We highly recommend all students take a few practice exams. This helps them to understand the test taking process and prepares them for certification by giving actual certification questions! Scoring a 70% or higher on a practice exam is a good indicator that a student will receive a passing grade on the certification exam		
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers			
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	Reading Requirement: <u>Veterinary Assisting Fundamentals &amp; Applications</u>		
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	<b>Proctor U:</b> Each certification exam is proctored. We partner with an online proctoring service called ProctorU ( <a href="#">click for more information @ ProctorU</a> ). You will create a free ProctorU account and schedule your exam 3 days in advance. The confirmation email will give you instructions on how to do this.		
Certification Tracking			
Credentialing Documentation	<b>Certificate:</b> Once you have completed the certification exam and scored a 70% or higher you will have immediate access to your Certification Certificate by clicking on the link in the exam center. The certificate will also be emailed to you as a .pdf file.		
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	N/A	Details
Other Details	<b>Purchase a Certification Exam:</b> The certification exam will consist of 80 questions and you will have 2 hours to complete it. You will have 30 days from the date of purchase to take the certification exam certification organization to validate your education.		Expiration? Timeline?  Two Hours
Certification Costs / Funding Sources			
Cost Details	\$175.00 Certification / Practice Exams \$19.95		
Re-test / Refund Policies	Certification exams and practice exams are non-refundable and non-transferable and must be taken by the person who is registered for the exam.		
For More Information			

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<b>Certifying Agency Contact Info</b>	
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