Does your passion for helping others include our four-legged friends? If you enjoy being around animals and want to make sure they are healthy, happy and well-cared for, you may be interested in a career as a veterinary assistant.

Veterinary assistants are dedicated to aiding domestic animals of every shape and size. They are responsible for feeding and bathing animals, administering medication as prescribed by the veterinarian and helping the veterinary team with animal nursing.
As a veterinary assistant student, you will learn important skills that will prepare you for an entry-level position, from animal emergency medicine and lab procedures to nursing skills and more, with a special emphasis on small animal techniques.

Pima Medical Institute’s Veterinary Assistant program will instruct you how to properly clean and disinfect cages and work areas, sterilize lab and surgical equipment, provide routine post-operative care, administer medication orally or topically and prepare samples for lab examination, under supervision.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of veterinary assistants is expected to grow 9 percent through 2024, faster than the average for all occupations.†

Veterinary assistants can find work in a wide range of environments, such as private veterinary clinics, animal hospitals and animal shelters. Some animal hospitals and shelters operate 24 hours a day, which may make rotating shifts available.