Applying for the Certificate

The Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program is a non-credit Continuing Education program at St. Louis Community College.

Certificate requires completion of all six classes listed in this brochure. Upon successful completion of the course requirements, certificate candidates must submit the attached application to the Office of Continuing Education. After transcript verification, the certificate will be awarded.

Submit application to:
St. Louis Community College
Office of Continuing Education
3221 McKelvey Road, Suite 250
Bridgeton, MO 63044
Attention: Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program

For more information, please call 314-984-7777

Non-Discrimination
St. Louis Community College is committed to non-discrimination and equal opportunities in its admissions, educational programs, activities and employment regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, genetic information or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran and shall take action necessary to ensure non-discrimination. For information, contact Lesley English-Abrams, Manager, Community Services 3221 McKelvey Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044, 314-539-5480.

Accommodations Statement
St. Louis Community College is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you have accommodation needs, please contact the Access office at the campus where you are registering at least six weeks prior to the start of class to request accommodations. Event accommodation requests should be made with the event coordinator at least two working days prior to the event. Documentation of disability may be required.

Firearms on College Property
Except for licensed police officers, no person shall possess or carry any firearm, visible or concealed, on College property (including College buildings and grounds-leased or owned by the College-College athletic fields and parking lots) or in any College van or vehicle or at College-sponsored activities. College employees, students and visitors who hold concealed carry endorsements as allowed by Missouri law may not carry or bring any firearms, visible or concealed, on College property, owned or leased, or at any College activities.

Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Application

Name:

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Student or SS#:

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Address:

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Telephone Numbers:
Home: (_____) ___________________
Work: (_____) ___________________

Email Address:

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Date of Birth: _______/_________/________

Sex: _______Male  _______Female

If you have questions about the Certificate Application, please call 314-984-7777.
Opportunities in the Field

Those who successfully complete the coursework and earn a certificate may receive priority employment by the sponsoring agencies.

Investigations, Rescues, Legalities, and Legislative Issues

Here's your chance to hear first-hand accounts from the real world of animal welfare investigations and rescues. You'll find out how investigators work and how animal welfare agencies and the law handle violations. You'll learn about the legal issues (how does our society define “adequate care and control” of animals?) as well as advocacy and legislation related to animal welfare.

The “People” Ingredient: Working in an Animal Welfare Organization

If you’re thinking about working or volunteering in an animal welfare agency, you’ll need a variety of important “people” skills. There are so many possibilities: you may be matching pets with new families, working with people surrendering their pets, fielding lots of questions, educating adults and kids in the community, or interacting with other agency staff. In this class, you’ll gain an overview of many of the skills you’ll need to perform a variety of tasks within animal welfare organizations. There are many joys and rewards to working in animal welfare, but some sadness, too, so we’ll share with you our ways of coping with the inevitable heart-breaking side of the business.

Animal Care Basics for Animal Welfare Workers

In this class it’s all about the animals! We’ll cover basic health considerations, including prevention measures and spay/neuter issues. Acquiring some knowledge of animal behavior is a vital key to safe handling for yourself and the animals you work with. You’ll learn about caring and feeding a variety of animals, including what to do in disaster situations to assure their safety and well-being. You’ll hear from several shelters, who’ll explain their basic animal care-taking operations. If you’re interested in working directly with animals, this class is a must!