



# EXOTIC ANIMAL TRAINING & MANAGEMENT

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**Associate in Science**

Certificate of Achievement

**61 Units**

56-56.5 Units (Training & Management)

This program offers preparation for students interested in entering the expanding animal care industry. This program uses America's Teaching Zoo, Moorpark College's zoo that is open to the public where students perform hands-on zoo-keeping, animal training, wildlife education and animal keeping duties with domestic and non-domestic animals. The increasing importance of zoos and wildlife education to the efforts of conservation, as well as the use of animals in various entertainment fields, offers a variety of career options to graduates of the curriculum. Entry-level positions exist in zoos, oceanariums, animal parks, government facilities and the entertainment field.

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**Veterinary Assistant**

**\$11.32/hr.-\$23,550**

**21,300**

**+8-14%**

Veterinarian assistants feed, water and examine pets and other non-farm animals for signs of illness, disease, or injury in laboratories and animal hospitals and clinics. Clean and disinfect cages and work areas, and sterilize lab and surgical equipment. May provide routine post-operative care, administer medication orally or topically, or prepare animals for laboratory examination under the supervision of veterinary or laboratory animal technologists or veterinarians.

**Animal Trainer**

**\$12.17/hr.-\$25,320**

**24,500**

**+15-21%**

Train animals for riding, harness, security, performance, or obedience, or assisting persons with disabilities. Accustom animals to human voice and contact and condition animals to respond to commands. Train animals according to prescribed standards for show or competition. May train animals to carry pack loads or work as part of pack team.

**Animal Care and Service Worker**

**\$10.00/hr.-\$20,800**

**232,100**

**+15%**

Animal care and service workers provide care for animals. They feed, water, groom, bathe and exercise pets and other non-farm animals. These workers are employed in kennels, zoos, stables, animal shelters, pet stores, aquariums and veterinary clinics.

