Humane Officer Training

Department: Agricultural Sciences
Degree: Associate of Applied Science
Entry time: Fall
Length: 2 years (4 semesters, 1 summer)

Program Description
Prepare to work in the growing field of animal control. From humane investigation to interviewing witnesses and collecting evidence, the professional humane officer understands public safety and the law, possesses excellent communication skills, and demonstrates a high level of integrity and dependability.

Career Opportunities
Animal control officer

Sample Classes
- Introduction to Veterinary Science
- Shelter Administration and Computer Apps
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Animal Welfare and Shelter Management
- Animal Behavior and Restraint
- Shelter Medicine
- Vehicle Safety and Operation
- Disaster Animal Response Training
- Veterinary Law and Ethics
- Large Animal Welfare
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Basic Animal Investigation Techniques
- Wildlife ID and Management
- Criminal Investigation

Internships
As a Humane Officer Training student, you will complete an internship between your first and second year allowing you to apply your lab and classroom skills in an actual work environment.

Diploma Options
Short-term training options are available by earning a diploma. Options for Humane Officer Training include:

Animal Control Assistant
1 year (3 terms)
As an Animal Control Assistant student you’ll learn to safely handle and restrain animals typically found in shelters, to appropriately clean and disinfect animal enclosures, and to provide excellent customer service to shelter clients. You’ll study shelter law and ethics, wildlife identification and management, animal welfare, interpersonal communications, and shelter management. This diploma option is designed to complement the Humane Officer Training program. As an Animal Control Assistant graduate, you may apply to the Humane Officer Training program and complete an Associate of Applied Science degree with only one additional year of classes.

Scholarships
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