

Participation of any of the programs at The Academy of Pet Careers requires students to meet a minimum standard of physical condition. Because you will be working directly with live animals and caring for their wellbeing, these physical requirements are to protect both the student and the animals in their care.

Students will be expected to work with dogs of varying breeds, sizes, and temperaments. Some animals may be stressed, fearful or aggressive and can act unpredictably. Because of this, it is essential for pet professionals to meet the following requirements.

Students who are unable to meet the following requirements should notify The Academy of Pet Careers immediately. The APC welcomes the opportunity to provide reasonable accommodation to students who do not meet one or more of the physical requirements.

Pregnancy Disclaimer

Students enrolled in any APC program may be exposed to substances such as chemicals, anesthetic agents, pharmaceutical agents, x-radiation and zoonotic diseases and parasites (such as toxoplasmosis), which can cause harm to an unborn fetus, resulting in birth defects and/or miscarriage. All programs include the handling of animals and have potential risk of injury to the student and/or unborn child.

Any student who is pregnant or becomes pregnant while enrolled in any of the programs offered by APC is advised to speak with her physician and make an informed decision on whether to start/continue the program or to elect to be placed on a temporary leave of absence.

Dog Trainer Physical Requirements by Program

Activity	Professional Dog Trainer	Specialized Dog Trainer
<i>Sitting</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Standing</i>	Constant	Constant
<i>Walking</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Bending Over</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Squatting</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Crawling</i>	Never	Never
<i>Climbing</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Reaching above shoulder</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Reaching below shoulder</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Crouching</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Kneeling</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Balancing</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Pushing/Pulling</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Twisting/Turning</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Lifting (lbs.)</i>	Up to 40 lbs.	Up to 40 lbs.
<i>Carrying (lbs.)</i>	Up to 40 lbs.	Up to 40 lbs.

Additional Requirements

<i>Firm grasp with hands</i>	Both Hands	Both Hands
<i>Fine hand manipulation</i>	Both Hands	Both Hands
<i>Repetitive exposure of hands to water or other liquids</i>	No	No
<i>Disposable Gloves Required</i>	No	No
<i>Walking at a brisk pace</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Walking backwards</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Changing direction sharply</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Minimum visual acuity</i>	Up to 50 feet away	Up to 50 feet away
<i>Color differentiation</i>	No	No
<i>Can student wear glasses/contacts?</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Minimum hearing acuity</i>	Up to 50 feet away	Up to 50 feet away

Additional Dog Trainer Requirements

- Ability to attach and detach training equipment and leash.
- Ability to grasp and hold leash to control a dog of any size.
- Ability to withstand being jumped on by a dog of any size.
- Ability to restrain a dog of any size.
- Ability and agility to maneuver small or cramped spaces.
- Ability to cope with the handling of canine bodily fluids (urine, feces, blood, etc.).

Environmental Conditions

- **Extreme temperatures** may exist when training outdoors or on fieldtrips.
- **Excessive noise** can occur when entering kennel areas.
- **Excessive odors** from animals and chemicals may occur in kennel areas.
- **Close exposure** to animal dander and hair.
- **Exposure to chemicals** used for cleaning and disinfecting.
- **Exposure to contagious diseases** that can be transmitted between animals and humans.
- **Uneven surfaces** may exist in working environment in the form of stairs, curbs, and ditches.

Dog Groomer Physical Requirements by Program

Activity	Bather/Brusher	Professional Dog Groomer
<i>Sitting</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Standing</i>	Constant	Constant
<i>Walking</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Bending Over</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Squatting</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Crawling</i>	Never	Never
<i>Climbing</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Reaching above shoulder</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Reaching below shoulder</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Crouching</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Kneeling</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Balancing</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Pushing/Pulling</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Twisting/Turning</i>	Frequent	Frequent
<i>Lifting (lbs.)</i>	Up to 40 lbs.	Up to 40 lbs.
<i>Carrying (lbs.)</i>	Up to 40 lbs.	Up to 40 lbs.
Additional Requirements		
<i>Firm grasp with hands</i>	Both Hands	Both Hands
<i>Fine hand manipulation</i>	Both Hands	Both Hands
<i>Repetitive exposure of hands to water or other liquids</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Disposable Gloves Required</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Walking at a brisk pace</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Walking backwards</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Changing direction sharply</i>	Occasional	Occasional
<i>Minimum visual acuity</i>	Up to 25 feet away	Up to 25 feet away
<i>Color differentiation</i>	No	No
<i>Can student wear glasses/contacts?</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Minimum hearing acuity</i>	Up to 25 feet away	Up to 25 feet away

Additional Dog Groomer Requirements

- Ability to attach and detach training equipment and leash.
- Ability to grasp and hold leash to control a dog of any size.
- Ability to withstand being jumped on by a dog of any size.
- Ability to restrain a dog of any size.
- Ability and agility to maneuver small or cramped spaces.
- Ability to cope with the handling of canine bodily fluids (urine, feces, blood, etc.).

Environmental Conditions

- **Extreme temperatures** may exist in bathing and drying spaces when using hot water and/or heated dryers.
- **Excessive noise** can occur when entering kennel areas.
- **Excessive odors** from animals and chemicals may occur in kennel or bathing areas.
- **Close exposure** to animal dander and hair.
- **Exposure to chemicals** used for cleaning and disinfecting environment, and bathing animals.
- **Exposure to contagious diseases** that can be transmitted between animals and humans.
- **Exposure to sharp objects** such as shears and clipper blades.
- **Uneven surfaces** may exist in working environment in the form of stairs, curbs, and ditches.

Veterinary Assistant Physical Requirements by Program

Activity	Veterinary Assistant
<i>Sitting</i>	Occasional
<i>Standing</i>	Constant
<i>Walking</i>	Frequent
<i>Bending Over</i>	Frequent
<i>Squatting</i>	Frequent
<i>Crawling</i>	Never
<i>Climbing</i>	Occasional
<i>Reaching above shoulder</i>	Frequent
<i>Reaching below shoulder</i>	Frequent
<i>Crouching</i>	Frequent
<i>Kneeling</i>	Frequent
<i>Balancing</i>	Occasional
<i>Pushing/Pulling</i>	Occasional
<i>Twisting/Turning</i>	Frequent
<i>Lifting (lbs.)</i>	Up to 40 lbs.
<i>Carrying (lbs.)</i>	Up to 40 lbs.

Additional Requirements

<i>Firm grasp with hands</i>	Both Hands
<i>Fine hand manipulation</i>	Both Hands
<i>Repetitive exposure of hands to water or other liquids</i>	Yes
<i>Disposable Gloves Required</i>	Yes
<i>Walking at a brisk pace</i>	Occasional
<i>Walking backwards</i>	Occasional
<i>Changing direction sharply</i>	Occasional
<i>Minimum visual acuity</i>	Up to 25 feet away
<i>Color differentiation</i>	Yes
<i>Can student wear glasses/contacts?</i>	Yes
<i>Minimum hearing acuity</i>	Up to 25 feet away

Additional Vet Assistant Requirements

- Ability to attach and detach training equipment and leash.
- Ability to grasp and hold leash to control a dog of any size.
- Ability to withstand being jumped on by a dog of any size.
- Ability to restrain a dog of any size.
- Ability and agility to maneuver small or cramped spaces.
- Ability to cope with the handling of canine bodily fluids (urine, feces, blood, etc.).
- Ability to cope with the sight and handling of deceased animals.

Environmental Conditions

- **Extreme temperatures** may exist when assisting with large animal care.
- **Excessive noise** can occur when entering kennel areas.
- **Excessive odors** from animals and chemicals may occur in kennel areas.
- **Close exposure** to animal dander and hair.
- **Exposure to chemicals** used for cleaning and disinfecting.
- **Exposure to contagious diseases** that can be transmitted between animals and humans.
- **Exposure to narcotics, controlled substances, and harmful vapors.**
- **Exposure to radiation.**
- **Exposure to sharp objects** such as needles and scalpel blades.
- **Uneven surfaces** may exist in working environment in the form of stairs, curbs, and ditches.