“My decision to go to BOCES Animal Science program helped me to get a head start on becoming a licensed veterinary technician by providing me an opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with a wide variety of animals. I am now a pre-vet student and working part time as an LVT.”

- Amber Laibe, 2015 graduate
Animal Science

**Program highlights**
- Develop grooming skills
- Study animal behavior
- Learn about pure-breed and mixed-breed dogs and cats
- Work with professionals in the industry
- Gain basic employment skills
- Study animal nutrition
- Step into college with credit toward becoming a veterinary technician

**High school academic credit**
This course has received program approval through the New York State Education Department, enabling students to earn one unit of integrated English language arts, math and/or science credit.

**Step ahead to college**
All career and technical courses have articulation agreements or opportunities for concurrent credits with post-secondary institutions and/or unions.

**College choices**
These schools, along with many others across the country, offer programs in the animal science field:
- SUNY Alfred State
- SUNY Delhi
- SUNY Morrisville
- SUNY Cobleskill

**Step ahead to a promising career**
Students who successfully complete this program are prepared for the workforce. Here are a few examples of jobs awaiting successful students:
- Dog groomer
- Veterinary assistant
- Animal shelter employee
- Pet shop employee
- Boarding kennel manager
- Zoo employee