Interested in a career that allows you to express yourself and your love of animals? This course introduces you to the identification, care, and handling of dogs while allowing you to explore your career interests in this rewarding and expanding field. You’ll learn the basics of grooming, handling, breed identification, training agility and more. In addition, you’ll become familiar with pet store operations, learn about job opportunities and explore the possibility of further study in Canine Careers.

Get a leash on life... explore a career with canines!
COURSE TITLE: CANINE CAREERS

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is designed to prepare students who are pursuing a career with dogs. The classroom environment simulates the skills performed in grooming salons and kennel facilities. Students will acquire basic skills in the following areas: grooming, massage techniques, kennel maintenance, handling, nutrition, obedience and agility training. Simulating a real work setting will assist students by increasing self-esteem and confidence as well as enhancing leadership, communication, organization and management skills.

COURSE CONTENT
- Orientation
- Safety
- Career and Financial Management
- Domestic Breed Identification
- Handling and Restraint
- T-Touch Massage Techniques
- Pet Shop Skills
- Careers with Animals
- Dog Grooming
- Kennel Maintenance Skills
- General Canine Care
- Dog Bite Prevention
- Behavior and Training
- Preventative Health
- Customer Service

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- Humane Society
- Animal Shelters
- Boarding Kennels
- Grooming Shops
- Veterinary Hospitals
- Dog Shows
- Canine Masseuse

LOCATIONS
- Harry B. Ward Technical Center
- Islip Career Center

RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC CREDIT
½ credit for ELA per year

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
COSTS: Uniforms – Approximately $25; Tools $20 - $30

Quote from program graduate –
"It is fun and it’s cool that I can learn a trade that I want to learn and do. You’ll have experience in what you want to do."

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Horticulture (ICC)
- Canine Careers (ICC, WTC)
- Animal Science (BTC, WTC)