

Veterinary Technology



Care for animals in a rewarding medical career

SJVC's Veterinary Technology program prepares students with the skills to help animals when they need it most. This in-depth training covers animal patient care including lab tests, radiology procedures and surgical assisting. Curriculum also focuses on communication skills involving pet owner education, sick animal counseling and wellness/preventative measures.

Students Learn

- Animal nursing fundamentals
- Laboratory procedures
- Diagnostic imaging
- Veterinary office practices
- Large animal handling

Students receive hands-on training under the direct supervision of an RVT or DVM. Externship rotations include various animal care environments to give students real-world experience.

Professional Certifications

Graduates can apply for licensure by meeting all of the Veterinary Medical Board requirements, such as completing 4,416 hours of practical experience under the direct supervision of a California licensed veterinarian. Also the candidate must submit all SJVC course outlines to the Veterinary Medical Board. For additional details, please see: www.vmb.ca.gov.

Career Information

Veterinary assistants are qualified to provide support to a veterinarian in the treatment of animals. Graduates are also qualified to work in animal shelters, zoos, and research facilities and prepared to perform the following job duties:

- Monitor animals under anesthesia
- Perform radiology procedures
- Assist in surgical procedures
- Bathe, comfort & feed sick animals
- Perform laboratory tests

Admission Requirements

Admission to the VT program requires:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Wonderlic SLE assessment score of 15 or higher

Applicants must have reliable plans for transportation, child care and time to devote to academic work outside of scheduled class hours.



Course Listing		
Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
BIO 32	Microbiology	3.0
ENG 121	Reading and Composition - Part A	3.0
ENG 122	Reading and Composition - Part B	3.0
MTH 121	College Algebra - Part A	3.0
MTH 122	College Algebra - Part B	3.0
PHIL 1C	Ethics	3.0
PSY 1	General Psychology	3.0
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
VRT 101	Anatomy and Physiology of Domestic Animals	5.0
VRT 104	Companion Animal Nursing	5.0
VRT 105	Fundamentals of Animal Nursing	3.0
VRT 205	Laboratory Procedures	5.0
VRT 207	Farm Animal Nursing	3.0
VRT 208	Introduction to Pharmacology	3.0
VRT 300	Beginning Diagnostic Imaging	2.0
VRT 308	Advanced Pharmacology	3.0
VRT 330	Beginning Surgical Assisting	5.0
VRT 340	Advanced Surgical Procedures	5.0
VRT 403	Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Applications	2.0
VRT 406	Exotic and Lab Animals	3.0
VRT 407	Course Review and Essential Skills	2.0
VRT 493	Externship	5.0
A.S. Degree Program Total		75.0

SJVC classes are offered Monday through Thursday in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Class Schedule
Monday - Thursday
Morning Session: 7:15am-12:00pm
Afternoon Session: 12:30pm-5:15pm
Evening Session: 5:30pm-10:15pm

NOTE: Sessions vary by program and campus and are subject to seat availability.

Visit sjvc.edu for more information on other program offerings and campus locations.

Bakersfield Campus
201 New Stine Road, Bakersfield, CA 93309
661.834.0126

Consumer Information	
	A.S. Degree
Program Length	65 weeks
Tuition and Fees	\$32,450
Estimated Textbook Cost	\$775
<i>Data for Graduates on all SJVC Campuses between 7/1/14 and 6/30/15</i>	
Graduate Median Loan Debt	
Title IV HEA Loans	\$20,000
Private Loans	\$0
Institutional Loans	\$0
On-Time Completion Rate	74%
<i>Graduate Placement Rate</i>	
Because of the change in the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education's reporting regulations, which became effective on July 14, 2016, this institution was not required to collect the data for its 2015 and prior graduates.	
Occupations for Graduate Placement ¹	
Veterinary Assistants and Lab Animal Caretakers (31-9096.00) Veterinary Technologists and Technicians (29-2056.00)	

¹Visit <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org> and enter the reference number for complete details

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at: www.accjc.org

California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (California Education Code, Title 3, Division 10, Part 59, Chapter 8) and Title 5, Division 7.5 – Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations.

