

Course Listing\*

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

COURSE ID	COURSE NAME	CREDIT UNITS
VA 100	Introduction to Veterinary Assisting	2.0
VA 110	Introduction to Life Sciences	3.0
VA 120	Animal Nursing	2.0
VA 130	Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology I	3.0
VA 140	Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II	3.0
VA 150	Veterinary Pharmacology	3.0
VA 160	Veterinary Laboratory Procedures	5.0
VA 170	Veterinary Radiology	2.0
VA 180	Veterinary Surgical Assisting	5.0
VA 190	Veterinary Dentistry & Critical Care	2.0
VA 500	Clinical Externship	3.0
VA 510	Certification Prep	1.0
GRS 100	Graduate Readiness Seminar	2.0
CERTIFICATE TOTAL		36.0

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510)748-9001 (<https://www.wscuc.org>). The WSCUC is an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

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 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

SJVC Locations

<b>ATASCADERO</b> 805.470.7130	<b>MODESTO</b> 209.542.8800
<b>BAKERSFIELD</b> 661.834.0126	<b>ONTARIO</b> 909.948.7582
<b>DELANO</b> 661.778.1145	<b>PORTERVILLE</b> 559.853.4114
<b>FRESNO</b> 559.448.8282	<b>RANCHO CORDOVA</b> 916.638.7582
<b>FRESNO - TRADES EDUCATION CENTER</b> 559.453.0123	<b>RANCHO MIRAGE</b> 442.305.7701
<b>HANFORD</b> 559.584.8840	<b>SANTA MARIA</b> 805.608.3104
<b>HESPERIA</b> 760.948.1947	<b>TEMECULA</b> 951.296.6015
<b>LANCASTER</b> 661.974.8282	<b>VISALIA</b> 559.651.25002
<b>MADERA</b> 559.302.2155	

Program availability varies by campus location. Please see the catalog for details.

\*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

READY TO ENROLL?  
GET STARTED HERE:

[www.sjvc.edu/program/veterinary-assistant/](http://www.sjvc.edu/program/veterinary-assistant/)

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Train for a rewarding career as a

Veterinary Assistant



SJVC's Veterinary Assistant 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, and surgical assisting. At SJVC, students will have the opportunity to gain the hands-on skills and professionalism required to become successful Veterinary Assistants.

Veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers are prepared to carry out multiple tasks in an animal hospital, clinic or veterinary reception environment. They may perform laboratory tests, administer vaccines, monitor anesthesia, assist in surgery, take x-rays, medicate and care for patients, and maintain hospital cleanliness.





## Your trusted source for hands-on training.

SJVC excels at in-person, hands-on learning in high tech laboratory environments that will enable you to transition to a career with real-world experience.



### Students Learn:

- Veterinary clinic reception, office management, computer skills
- Venipuncture, injection administration, IV catheter placement, monitoring of anesthesia in a surgical setting
- Dental prophylaxis, demonstration of in-home dental care
- Concepts of animal husbandry, treatment and prevention of disease
- Laboratory procedures, radiographic film processing, diagnostic contributions in animal health care
- Exam room protocols: proper pet restraining techniques, checking vitals, patient history and client communication



At SJVC, we value:

**Integrity**  
**Family**  
**Professionalism**  
**Communication**  
**Diversity**  
**Success**

## Credential and Professional Certifications

Students receive hands-on training. Externship rotations include various animal care environments to give students real-world experience. Graduates earn a Certificate of Completion.

Graduates can apply for licensure by meeting all of the Veterinary Medical Board requirements, including completion of 4,416 hours of practical experience under the

direct supervision of a California licensed veterinarian. The candidate must also submit all SJVC course outlines to the Veterinary Medical Board.

For additional details, please visit:

[https://www.vmb.ca.gov/applicants/rvt\\_forms.shtml](https://www.vmb.ca.gov/applicants/rvt_forms.shtml).

## Admissions Requirements

- ❑ 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 school work outside of scheduled class hours.

See the SJVC College Catalog for additional information on institutional admission requirements.

## Career Opportunities

Veterinary Assistants provide support to a veterinarian in the treatment of animals. Graduates can also find work in clinics and animal hospitals and typically perform the following job duties:

- Monitor animals recovering from surgery
- Perform radiology procedures
- Bathe, comfort, medicate and care for sick and recovering animals
- Perform laboratory tests

Source: <https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9096.00>

SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.



**GET MORE INFO ON ENROLLMENT:**

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