



Care for animals in a rewarding career Veterinary Technology



SJVC Ontario's Veterinary Technology program prepares students with the basic knowledge and practical training necessary to function as an entry-level employee in a veterinary medical setting. The Veterinary Technology (VT) program includes clinical rotation and field experience during an externship. This program prepares graduates to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination. The VT program has a companion animal emphasis and is not intended as a pre-veterinary program.

Veterinary technicians typically work under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian doing clinical work such as performing various medical tests and treating medical conditions and diseases in animals. They also perform laboratory tests and take blood samples, assist with dental care, prepare tissue samples and assist veterinarians in a variety of other diagnostic tests and procedures. Veterinary technicians work in all phases of animal care, including surgical nursing, laboratory procedures, and office administration. Employment opportunities include positions in veterinary offices or hospitals, biomedical research institutions and the pharmaceutical and pet-care industries.



Hands-On Training

Students Learn:

- Administrative, clinical, nursing, and surgical assisting procedures in a veterinary medical setting
- Critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and professionalism

Students receive hands-on training and participate in an externship. Externship rotations include various animal care environments to give students real-world experience.



Credential and Professional Certifications

Students receive hands-on training under the direct supervision of a Registered Veterinary Technician or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Externship rotations include various animal care environments to give students real-world experience.

Graduates earn an Associate of Science degree and are immediately eligible to work as a Veterinary Assistant. This program holds full accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), qualifying students to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) after graduation. Upon successful completion of the VTNE, graduates are eligible to obtain state licensure and work as a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT).

For more information, please visit <http://www.vmb.ca.gov>.

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.



Career Information

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

- Monitor animals under anesthesia
- Perform pre and post operative procedures
- Bathe, comfort, medicate and care for sick and recovering animals
- Perform laboratory tests
- Perform dental procedures, oral health assessments

Source: Occupational Information Network (O*Net), www.onetonline.org



Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Be 18 years old on the first day of classes

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



Core Course Requirements*

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
AS 110	Introduction to the Veterinary Hospital	3.0
AS 111	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	3.0
VT 120	Veterinary Applied Sciences	3.0
VT 121	Companion Animal Diseases	3.0
VT 122	Clinical Procedures 1	3.0
VT 123	Clinical Rotation	0.5
VT 130	Surgical Assisting	3.0
VT 131	Anesthesia for Veterinary Technicians	3.0
VT 132	Clinical Procedures 2	3.0
VT 133	Clinical Rotation	1.0
VT 140	Large Animal Medicine	3.5
VT 141	Veterinary Technology Specialties	3.5
VT 142	Advanced Clinical Procedures and Surgery	4.0
VT 143	Clinical Rotation	1.0
VT 150	Licensure Exam Comprehensive Review	4.0
VT 105	VT Externship	4.0
Total		45.5

General Education Requirements*

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
COMP 101	Computer Literacy and Applications for the Professional	3.0
ENG 122**	Composition and Reading – Part B	3.0
HUMN 125	Intercultural Communication	3.0
MTH 121	College Algebra – Part A	3.0
MTH 122	College Algebra – Part B	3.0
PSY 200	Team Dynamics	3.0
Total		18.0
A.S. Degree Total		63.5

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

** See SJVC General Education Requirements (Associate of Science Degree) in the College Catalog for more information.

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>.

Programmatic Accreditation

The Veterinary Technology program on the Ontario campus holds full accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

SJVC Locations

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RANCHO CORDOVA
916.638.7582

VISALIA
559.651.2500

BAKERSFIELD
661.834.0126

HANFORD
559.584.8840

MODESTO
209.542.8800

RANCHO MIRAGE
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SANTA MARIA
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*Program availability varies
by campus location. Please see
the catalog for details.*

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