



Care for animals in a rewarding career 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 procedures. At SJVC, students will have the opportunity to gain the hands-on skills and professionalism required to become successful Veterinary Assistants.

Veterinary Assistants 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.



Training Today for a Better Tomorrow



Hands-On Training

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



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: <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 Assistants 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 radiology procedures
- Bathe, comfort, medicate and care for sick and recovering animals
- Perform laboratory tests

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



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.



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

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

ATASCADERO 805.470.7130	FRESNO 559.448.8282	HESPERIA 760.948.1947	MODESTO 209.542.8800	RANCHO CORDOVA 916.638.7582	TEMECULA 951.296.6015
BAKERSFIELD 661.834.0126	FRESNO - TRADES EDUCATION CENTER 559.453.0123	LANCASTER 661.974.8282	ONTARIO 909.948.7582	RANCHO MIRAGE 442.305.7701	VISALIA 559.651.2500
DELANO 661.778.1145	HANFORD 559.584.8840	MADERA 559.302.2155	PORTERVILLE 559.853.4114	SANTA MARIA 805.608.3104	Program availability varies by campus location. Please see the catalog for details.

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