



Care for animals in a rewarding career Veterinary Technology



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, but not limited to, anatomy and physiology, animal nursing and care, exotic and large animal skills, pharmacology, surgical assisting, laboratory procedures, and communication skills.

Veterinary Technicians 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:

- Calculation, preparation, and dispensation of medications
- Anesthetic implementation for diagnostic or surgical procedures
- Pre-, peri-, and post-operative management of surgical patients
- Dental procedures, including a Complete Oral Health Assessment and Treatment (COHAT)
- Performing and reading laboratory tests/procedures and results
- Concepts of animal care and nursing
- Diagnostic imagery and radiograph protocols for operator/patient safety
- Patient evaluation for urgent or emergency care



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
- No felony criminal convictions
- No felony or misdemeanor DUI convictions

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 and Critical Care | 2.0 |
| VT 200 | Advanced Anatomy & Physiology | 2.0 |
| VT 210 | Animal Nursing II | 2.0 |
| VT 220 | Veterinary Pharmacology II | 3.0 |
| VT 230 | Advanced Technical Skills | 2.0 |
| VT 240 | Veterinary Laboratory Procedures II | 2.0 |
| VT 250 | Exotic and Large Animal Skills | 2.0 |
| VT 260 | Veterinary Surgical, Dental, and Critical Care Procedures | 4.0 |
| VT 270 | Course Review and Essential Skills | 2.0 |
| VT 610 | Directed Clinical Experience | 5.0 |
| GRS 100 | Graduate Readiness Seminar | 2.0 |
| Total | | 56.0 |

General Education Requirements*

| Course ID | Course Name | Credit Units |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| ENG 121 | Composition and Reading – Part A | 3.0 |
| ENG 122 | Composition and Reading – 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 |
| Total | | 21.0 |
| A.S. Degree Total | | 77.0 |

*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 (<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 Fresno campus holds full accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

SJVC Locations

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EDUCATION CENTER**
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MADERA
559.302.2155

RANCHO CORDOVA
916.638.7582

VISALIA
559.651.2500

BAKERSFIELD
661.834.0126

HANFORD
559.584.8840

MODESTO
209.542.8800

RANCHO MIRAGE
442.305.7701

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877.367.7582

DELANO
661.778.1145

HESPERIA
760.948.1947

ONTARIO
909.948.7582

SANTA MARIA
805.608.3104

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559.448.8282

LANCASTER
661.974.8282

PORTERVILLE
559.853.4114

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951.296.6015

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

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