

ASSOCIATE DEGREE*

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

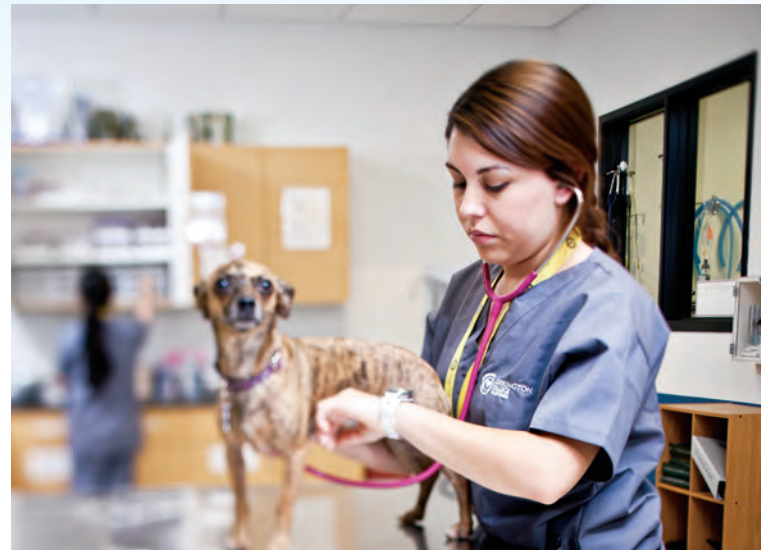
Looking for a Warm and Fuzzy Career?

Working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, veterinary technicians perform a variety of tasks, including performing medical tests and treating medical conditions and diseases in animals, as well as performing laboratory tests and taking blood samples, assisting with dental care, preparing tissue samples and assisting with other diagnostic tests and procedures. They work in veterinary offices or hospitals, biomedical research institutions, and pharmaceutical and pet care industries.

The Carrington College® Veterinary Technology program includes courses in animal anatomy and physiology, nursing skills, animal surgical procedures, chemistry, animal restraint and front-office skills. The program includes an externship, allowing students to practice their skills in a veterinary setting. Upon successful completion of this program, graduates are eligible for the California Registered Veterinary Technician State Board Examination.† The Veterinary Technology program has a companion animal emphasis and is not intended as a pre-veterinary program. The program culminates in an Associate of Science degree in Veterinary Technology.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of veterinary technologists and technicians is expected to grow 30% from 2012-2022.‡

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Duties May Include:

- Obtaining patient information
- Maintaining medical records
- Collecting laboratory specimens
- Assisting with diagnostic, medical and surgical procedures
- Helping with radiography and dental prophylaxes

Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Private veterinary offices and hospitals
- Humane societies
- Animal shelters
- Animal control facilities
- Biomedical research institutions
- Pharmaceutical and pet care industries



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* Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of printing. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

† Carrington College 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.

‡ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)

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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Veterinary Technology (VT) program, graduates will be able to:

- Perform a variety of administrative, clinical, nursing and surgical assisting procedures in a veterinary medical setting.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, information management, personal and professional development, communication skills, respect and responsibility.

Additional Admission Requirement

Students admitted to the VT program must be at least 18 years old on the first day of classes.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Citrus Heights, Pleasant Hill, Pomona, Sacramento, San Jose, San Leandro, Stockton

Veterinary Technology Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
ENG 101	English Writing and Composition*	45	0	0	3
MAT 101	Principles of Mathematics*	45	0	0	3
MAT 151	College Algebra*	45	0	0	3
HUM 200	Ethics in Contemporary Society*	45	0	0	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology*	45	0	0	3
SPH 205	Interpersonal Communication*	45	0	0	3
CLT 100	Computer Literacy*	45	0	0	3
VT 5	Introduction to the Veterinary Hospital	55	0	0	3.5
VT 6	Introduction to the Basic Sciences	68	0	0	4.5
VT 9A	Veterinary Medical Terminology 1	7.5	0	0	0.5
VT 15A	Clinical Procedures Lab 1	0	30	0	0.5
VT 99A	Clinical Rotations 1	0	0	44	0.5
VT 8	Introduction to the Applied Sciences	55	25	0	3.5
VT 9B	Veterinary Medical Terminology 2	7.5	0	0	0.5
VT 15B	Clinical Procedures Lab 2	0	30	0	0.5
VT 16A	Body Systems 1	66	0	0	4
VT 99B	Clinical Rotations 2	0	0	44	0.5
VT 16B	Body Systems 2	83	0	0	5
VT 17	Introduction to Anesthesia and Surgical Assisting	30	0	0	2
VT 15C	Clinical Procedures Lab 3	0	30	0	0.5
VT 9C	Veterinary Medical Terminology 3	7.5	0	0	0.5
VT 99C	Clinical Rotations 3	0	0	44	0.5
VT 16C	Body Systems 3	30	0	0	2
VT 18	Surgical Nursing Theory and Practice	25	73	0	3
VT 9D	Veterinary Medical Terminology 4	7.5	0	0	0.5
VT 19	Selected Topics in Veterinary Technology	50	23	0	3.5
VT 99D	Clinical Rotations 4	0	0	44	0.5
VT 100	Vet Tech Externship	0	0	200	4
VT 102	State Board RVT Licensing Exam Review	15	15	0	2
Total for Degree		1092	226	376	63.5

* General education course

Approximate time to complete the associate degree program: 88 weeks (not including breaks)