

About This Program

The mission of the Veterinary Technology program is to provide local and global veterinary communities with ethical graduates committed to lifelong learning and professional development. Graduates will have the entry level skills and knowledge required for the contemporary veterinary practice. The core program focus is companion-animal practice, but all facets of veterinary medicine, including large animal medicine, biomedical research and industry-related topics are emphasized.

Careers in Veterinary Technology

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.

Graduates of Carrington College's Veterinary Technology program are prepared to perform entry-level duties in a veterinary setting. Vet techs' career path can lead to employment in a variety of animal health care environments such as:²

- Veterinary hospitals and clinics
- Social advocacy organizations
- Colleges, universities and research facilities

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Outline the essential skills as defined by the AVMA required for the practice of veterinary technology in a wide range of practice settings.
- Understand procedures to engage in a safe work environment for clients, animals, and staff.
- Demonstrate ethical behavior consistent with state laws and regulations.
- Effectively communicate with the veterinary health care team and clients.
- Illustrate preparedness for taking the Veterinary Technology National Licensing Exam (VTNE)¹.

General Education Coursework

In this Carrington College degree program, students complete technical coursework as well as general education course offerings focusing on:

- English Writing and Composition
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Social Sciences
- Computer Literacy



¹ 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. Credential preparation varies by location.

² Source: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinary-technologists-and-technicians.htm#tab-3>

Campus Based: Pleasant Hill, Sacramento, San Jose, San Leandro, and Stockton

Veterinary Technology Campus-Based Program Requirements

TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
AS110	Introduction to the Veterinary Hospital	32	32	0	3
AS111	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	32	32	0	3
CLT100 *	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
ENG101 *	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT101 *	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
VT122	Clinical Procedures 1	0	96	0	3
VT123	Clinical Rotation	0	0	32	0.5
VT120	Veterinary Applied Sciences	48	0	0	3
VT121	Companion Animal Diseases	48	0	0	3
SPH205	Interpersonal Communications	45	0	0	3
MAT151	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
VT132	Clinical Procedures 2	0	96	0	3
V133	Clinical Rotation	0	0	48	1
VT130	Surgical Assisting	48	0	0	3
VT131	Anesthesia for Veterinary Technicians	48	0	0	3
NUT200 *	Principles of Nutrition	45	0	0	3
VT142	Advanced Clinical Procedures and Surgery	24	104	0	4
VT143	Clinical Rotation	0	0	48	1
VT140	Large Animal Medicine	48	16	0	3.5
VT141	Veterinary Technology Specialties	48	16	0	3.5
VT150	Licensure Exam Comprehensive Review	64	0	0	4
VT105	VT Externship	0	0	200	4
TOTAL FOR DEGREE		710	392	328	63.5

*Online general education course

Approximate time to complete degree program: 80 weeks (not including breaks)

Technical Coursework

The Veterinary Technology program at Carrington College is a balance of theory and practical instruction, with courses in animal anatomy and physiology, biology and chemistry. The program includes an externship, allowing students to practice their skills in a veterinary setting. The Veterinary Technology program has a companion animal emphasis, and students should note that the curriculum is not intended as a pre-veterinary program.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

Accreditation and Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, 428 J Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, (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 accjc.org.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation. Visit carrington.edu/sci for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.