About The Campus

Carrington College’s Pleasant Hill campus occupies 28,000 square feet and is housed in four buildings. Less than two minutes from downtown Pleasant Hill, the campus is close by to dining, shopping, and entertainment experiences. And if you enjoy the outdoors, John Muir National Historic Site, Mt. Wanda and Briones Regional Park are all less than 10 minutes away.

The facilities include eight lecture/laboratories, a veterinary lab and surgery room, and labs for Physical Therapist Assistant and Respiratory Care programs. The campus also has a Student Success Center equipped with reference materials, textbooks and journals; a student break room; and a learning lab. The Carrington library website offers online resources and professional organization information.

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.

This program culminates in an Associate of Science degree in Veterinary Technology.

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:

- Veterinary hospitals and clinics
- Rescue leagues
- Colleges, universities and research facilities
- Biomedical research institutions
- Pharmaceutical and pet-care industries

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Demonstrate entry-level competency in the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the practice of veterinary technology in a wide range of practice settings
- Demonstrate entry-level clinical skills competency in accordance with accreditation requirements
- Differentiate the appropriate functions to employ to maintain a safe work environment for clients, animals, and staff

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

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/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

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Accreditation & Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 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 accjc.org.

For comprehensive information on Carrington’s accreditation and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

Visit carrington.edu/student-consumer-info/ 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.