

# Veterinary Technology

SAN JOSE CAMPUS  
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

## About The Campus

The Carrington College San Jose campus occupies a 48,800 square feet of space in one building. The campus includes classrooms with ceiling-mounted LCD projectors; a Student Success Center equipped with reference materials, textbooks and journals; a learning laboratory; and a dedicated computer laboratory. The Carrington library website offers online resources and professional organization information.

The facilities also include a 24-chair dental hygiene clinic, six-chair radiology lab, four-chair dental assisting lab, eight-bed vocational nursing lab, veterinary technology surgery lab, surgical technology lab, criminal justice lab, medical billing and coding lab, and 20 lecture/laboratories. The campus also features a student break room.

## About This Program<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup>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.

## 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](http://carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog), provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.



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## Veterinary Technology Campus-Based Program Requirements

Technical and General Education Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
AS 110	Introduction to the Veterinary Hospital	32	32	0	3
AS 111	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	32	32	0	3
CLT 100 <sup>1</sup>	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
ENG 101 <sup>1</sup>	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT 101 <sup>1</sup>	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
VT 122	Clinical Procedures 1	0	96	0	3
VT 123	Clinical Rotation	0	0	32	0.5
VT 120	Veterinary Applied Sciences	48	0	0	3
VT 121	Companion Animal Diseases	48	0	0	3
SPH 205 <sup>1</sup>	Interpersonal Communications	45	0	0	3
MAT 151 <sup>1</sup>	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
VT 132	Clinical Procedures 2	0	96	0	3
VT 133	Clinical Rotation	0	0	48	1
VT 130	Surgical Assisting	48	0	0	3
VT 131	Anesthesia for Veterinary Technicians	48	0	0	3
NUT 200 <sup>1</sup>	Principle of Nutrition	45	0	0	3
VT 142	Advanced Clinical Procedures and Surgery	24	104	0	4
VT 143	Clinical Rotation	0	0	48	1
VT 140	Large Animal Medicine	48	16	0	3.5
VT 141	Veterinary Technology Specialties	48	16	0	3.5
VT 150	Licensure Exam Comprehensive Review	64	0	0	4
VT 105	VT Externship	0	0	200	4
<b>Total for Degree</b>		<b>710</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>63.5</b>

Approximate time to complete degree program: 80 weeks (not including breaks) <sup>1</sup>Online General Education Course

## 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](http://accjc.org).

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation and approvals, visit [carrington.edu/accreditation](http://carrington.edu/accreditation).

Visit [carrington.edu/student-consumer-info/](http://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](http://carrington.edu).

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