

# Veterinary Technologists & Technicians



**Also called:** Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT), Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT), Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT), Veterinary Technician (Vet Tech)

## What they do:

Perform medical tests in a laboratory environment for use in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases in animals. Prepare vaccines and serums for prevention of diseases. Prepare tissue samples, take blood samples, and execute laboratory tests, such as urinalysis and blood counts. Clean and sterilize instruments and materials and maintain equipment and machines. May assist a veterinarian during surgery.

## On the job, you would:

- Care for and monitor the condition of animals recovering from surgery.
- Maintain controlled drug inventory and related log books.
- Administer anesthesia to animals, under the direction of a veterinarian, and monitor animals' responses to anesthetics so that dosages can be adjusted.

## Knowledge

### Health

- medicine and dentistry

### Business

- customer service
- administrative services

### Math & Science

- biology
- arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, or statistics

## Personality

People interested in this work like activities that include **practical, hands-on problems and solutions.**

They do well at jobs that need:

- **Attention to Detail**
- **Integrity**
- **Cooperation**
- **Self Control**
- **Dependability**
- **Stress Tolerance**

## Wages

**\$** 14.21  
Per Hour  
29,546  
Per Year

## Skills

### Basic Skills

- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
- Thinking about the pros and cons of different ways to solve a problem

### Problem Solving

- noticing a problem and figuring out the best way to solve it

## Technology

You might use software like this on the job:

### Medical software

- Animal Intelligence Software
- McAllister Software Systems AVImark

### Database user interface and query software

- FileMaker Pro software
- Microsoft Access

### Spreadsheet software

- Microsoft Excel

## Abilities

### Verbal

- communicate by speaking
- listen & understand what people say

### Ideas & Logic

- notice when problems happen
- use rules to solve problems

### Attention

- do two or more things at the same time

### Hand and Finger Use

- put together small parts with your fingers
- hold or move items with your hands

## Education



Associate's  
Degree

## Job Outlook

**24** Annual  
Openings

**H<sup>2</sup>** High Skill,  
High Demand  
Occupation