

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Cluster



Focused on the production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources.

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Veterinarian Technicians

Veterinary technicians don't go through the many years of medical and scientific training that veterinarians do, but they work just as closely with animals. Much like nurses who help doctors during surgeries and make sure that patients are comfortable, veterinary technicians assist veterinarians in such duties as vaccinating dogs, x-raying cats, sterilizing medical instruments and cleaning cages.

If you work well with a team and love animals, a career as a **veterinarian technician** may be for you.

Veterinarian technicians help veterinarians provide medical care to animals and run veterinary practices.

Are You Ready To...?

- Hold a cat absolutely still during an examination
- Risk getting bitten, scratched or kicked by an upset animal
- Work as part of a close team

It Helps To Be...

Organized, attentive, responsible, compassionate and able to work as part of a team and communicate with a wide variety of people

A Day In The Life...

- Care for and monitor the condition of animals recovering from surgery
- Maintain controlled drug inventory and related log books
- Restrain animals during exams or procedures
- Schedule appointments and procedures for animals
- Clean and sterilize instruments, equipment or materials
- Collect, prepare and label samples for laboratory testing, culture or microscopic examination
- Bathe animals, clip nails or claws

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$13.32

*That comes out to more than
\$27,708 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
1,091 Veterinarian
Technicians.**

By 2026, we'll need 1,269.

Could you be one of the 178?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for veterinarian technicians with an **associate's degree** in veterinary technology.



Top 5 Industries for Veterinarian Technicians

1. Veterinary Offices
2. Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
3. Federal Government
4. Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools
5. State Government

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CareerPlanning.aspx](http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx).

Related College Majors

- Animal Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Pre-veterinary Studies
- Veterinary Technology
- Zoology

Related Industry Certifications

- Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician/Registered Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician
- Certified Equine Dental Technician
- Laboratory Animal Technician/Registered Laboratory Animal Technician

Related Careers

- Animal Caretakers
- Biological Scientists
- Curators
- Veterinarians
- Wildlife Technicians

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