

Hello!

Many of you may not be aware that in addition to the Associate Degree Veterinary Technology Program, we also offer three fully online certificate programs. These stand-alone programs of study prepare the student for work in three different paths of veterinary medicine. Veterinary clinics are not the only employment option for those educated in veterinary medical techniques!

Each of these three certificates can be completed in just three semesters. Please read on for a description of each certificate as well as the job outlook for those who might choose each path.

Veterinary Assisting

<http://vettech.yccd.edu/veterinary-assistant-.aspx>

Provides the course work, direction and work experience necessary to prepare students or augment existing skills work with animals as a veterinary assistant, receptionist, pet shop, kennel, animal control or animal shelter worker. Students learn effective communication techniques, veterinary terminology, procedures/laws for medical records and admitting/discharging patients, animal behavior basics, inventory and ordering techniques, how to deal with difficult clients, animal restraint, animal grooming, administration of medication and medical assisting.

Job Outlook

Median Pay: \$24,360/yr

Work Environment: Veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers work in clinics, animal hospitals, and research laboratories.

Work in veterinary assisting is projected to grow 9% over the next 10 years

<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9096.00>

Public Health and Food Safety

<http://vettech.yccd.edu/public-health.aspx>

Prepares students for employment in the field of veterinary public health and food safety. Students learn the concepts of public health and infectious disease control, procedures for monitoring Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) evaluation, food sanitation, and zoonotic disease control. Specially trained agricultural technicians are able to successfully work within the existing structure of the state and federal governments to facilitate early disease recognition, expedite a response to an outbreak and work with local animal owners to decrease both human and animal morbidity and mortality.

Job Outlook

Median Pay: \$43,380/yr (Agricultural Inspectors)

Work Environment: Agricultural inspectors work in laboratories, processing plants, farms and ranches.

Work in food safety is projected to remain stable over the next 10 years

<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/45-2011.00>

Shelter Medicine

<http://vettech.yccd.edu/shelter-medicine.aspx>

Training veterinary technicians and animal care givers in shelter medicine at Yuba College will help educate learners in the concepts and struggles of homeless and unwanted animals, sheltering and housing system design, preventive shelter medicine, and evidence-based state-of-the-art methodology in veterinary health care. The Yuba College Veterinary Technology Program offers a series of specialty training courses that are designed to help veterinary technicians, animal control officers and shelter staff meet the management challenges implicit in today's shelter environments.

Job Outlook

Median Pay: \$33,450/yr (Animal Control Officer)

Work Environment: Handle animals for the purpose of investigations of mistreatment, or control of abandoned, dangerous, or unattended animals.

Work in animal control is projected to grow 6%

<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/33-9011.00>

Median Pay: \$31,800/yr (Veterinary Technician)

Work Environment: Provide supervised medical care of abandoned, mistreated, or unattended animals.

Work in veterinary technology is projected to grow 14%

<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2056.00>

Other important information:

- There are no prerequisites for any of the certificate programs
- Costs include California community college tuition, plus books and minimal supplies.
- Current college admission/registration information (including tuition/fees) may be found at on the [admissions](#) page of the college website.

To get started you should enroll in the courses as they are listed for the certificate (refer to the websites linked above for specific course lists). *Most of these courses are only offered once yearly! Enroll as soon as you can, or risk waiting a full year to get them again.*

Please contact Ms. Loghry for questions on these certificates or for career counseling:
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