



Veterinary Technician

Veterinary technicians carry out medical orders prescribed by a supervising veterinarian. These licensed professionals may perform a variety of functions to assist veterinarians and help the animals in their care. Examples of services:

- prepare and give medications
- take x-rays and collect specimens for lab analysis
- induce and maintain anesthesia
- assist with medical, dental, and surgical procedures

Education

High school diploma, or the equivalent

AND

At least an 18-month (two academic years) diploma or degree from a [Department-registered](#) veterinary technology licensure program, or the equivalent.

Examination

Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE)

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$34,420 in the U.S., \$42,320 in NY
- Salary range: \$32,530-\$49,650
- Projected growth: much faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Private clinics and hospitals
- Farms and ranches
- Research and education
- Government agencies
- Animal shelters, zoos and aquariums

Your Interests and Abilities

- Work with animals
- Basic sciences
- Assist with medical procedures
- Manual and technical skills

Professional Skills

- Concern for animals and people
- Ethical standards
- Attention to detail
- Communication

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a veterinary technician about what they do and how they got started!