



VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Science Degree

(Offered through a Cooperative Agreement with St. Petersburg College)

GET ON THE RUNWAY TO A GREAT CAREER.

Do you enjoy working with animals and love taking care of them? Then this may be just the career field for you. Owners of pets and other animals today expect state-of-the-art veterinary care. To provide this service, veterinarians use the skills of veterinary technologists and technicians, who perform many of the same duties for a veterinarian that a nurse would for a physician, including routine laboratory and clinical procedures. Vet Techs mostly work in Veterinary private practices.

Veterinary Technology is a rapidly growing field and there are many exciting career opportunities available. If you are interested in being a Vet Tech, Valencia has developed a new cooperative agreement with St. Petersburg College for their A.S. Degree in Veterinary Technology. Through this agreement, you may take the required general education courses for this program at Valencia, and take the remaining specialized courses through St. Petersburg College online.

The required clinical and work experience can be obtained within the Central Florida area.

Potential Careers

- Veterinary Technologists
- Veterinary Technicians

Potential Earnings

\$25,000 - \$30,000 per year

Contacts

Health Sciences Career Program Advisor

West Campus: 407-582-1288

For more information, regarding St. Pete's program requirements and selection process, visit St. Pete's Website at: spjc.edu/program/VETTC-AS or call: 727-341-3653.

Typical Tasks May Include...

- Treating and diagnosing medical conditions and diseases in animals
- Performing various lab tests such as urinalysis, blood counts and tissue samples
- Obtaining and recording patients' case histories, developing x-rays and providing specialized care
- Assisting veterinarians in a variety of tests and analysis

Potential Employers

Most veterinary technologists and technicians typically work in a private practice under the supervision of a veterinarian in private clinics and animal hospitals. Other opportunities are available in diagnostic facilities, animal shelters, kennels & humane societies, and tourist/recreational facilities animal care and research.

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The A.S. Degree in Veterinary Technology program prepares students to be veterinary technicians and once students complete the program, they may take the FVMA and FVTA Certification examinations. For more information about the requirements and selection process, contact St. Petersburg College at (727) 341-3653 and visit the college Web site at spcollege.edu/webcentral/acad/vettech.htm.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT COURSES OFFERED AT VALENCIA

Course	Title	Credits
+ * ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3
+ SPC 1608	Fundamentals of Speech	3
+ Humanities	Select one of the following:	3
	ARH 1000 The Visual Arts Today	
	ARH 2050 Introduction to Art History I	
	* ARH 2051 Introduction to Art History II	
	MUL 1010 Music Appreciation	
	PHI 2010 Philosophy	
+ * MAC 1105	College Algebra	
	or	
+ * MGF 1106	College Mathematics	
	or	
+ * MGF 1107	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts	3
+ Social Science	Select one of the following:	3
	AMH 2010 United States History to 1877	
	AMH 2020 United States History 1877 to Present	
	ANT 2000 Introductory Anthropology	
	ECO 2013 Principles of Economics - Macro	
	ECO 2023 Principles of Economics - Micro	
	* EUH 2000 Western Civilization to 1750	
	* EUH 2001 Western Civilization 1750 to Present	
	* INR 2002 International Politics	
	POS 2041 American Government	
	POS 2112 State and Local Government	
	PSY 1012 General Psychology	
	SYG 2000 Introductory Sociology	
+ PHI 2600	Ethics and Critical Thinking	3
+ BSC 1005C	Biological Science	
	or	
+ BSC 1005	Biological Science and	
+ BSC 1005L	Lab in Applied Biology	4
	Total Credits	22

Courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.

+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.