



Veterinarian Technician

A Veterinarian Technician works alongside a veterinarian to care for animals and assist in procedures such as physical exams, dental procedures, spaying and neutering, immunizations, and euthanasia.



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career profile

Name: Hunter Creviston
Job Title: Veterinary
Technician

Employer: Blue Ridge Veterinary Hospital

Education: AAS, Hinds Community College: Raymond, Mississippi;
BS, North Dakota State University: Fargo

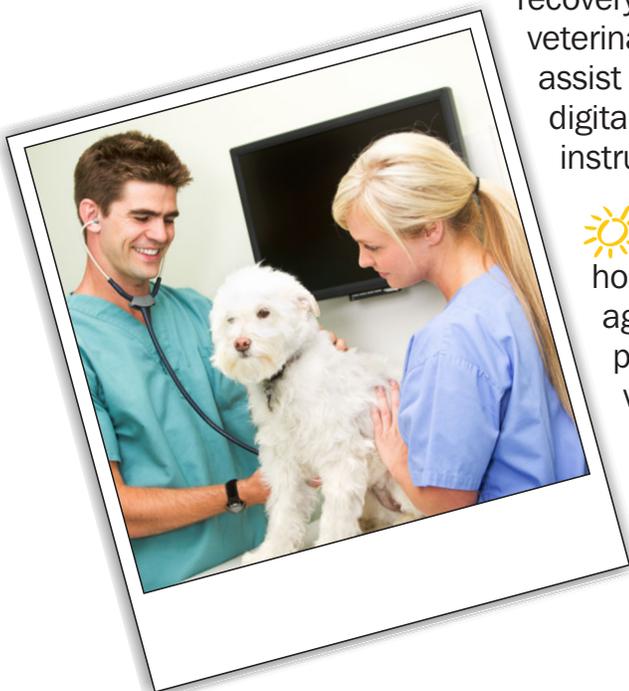
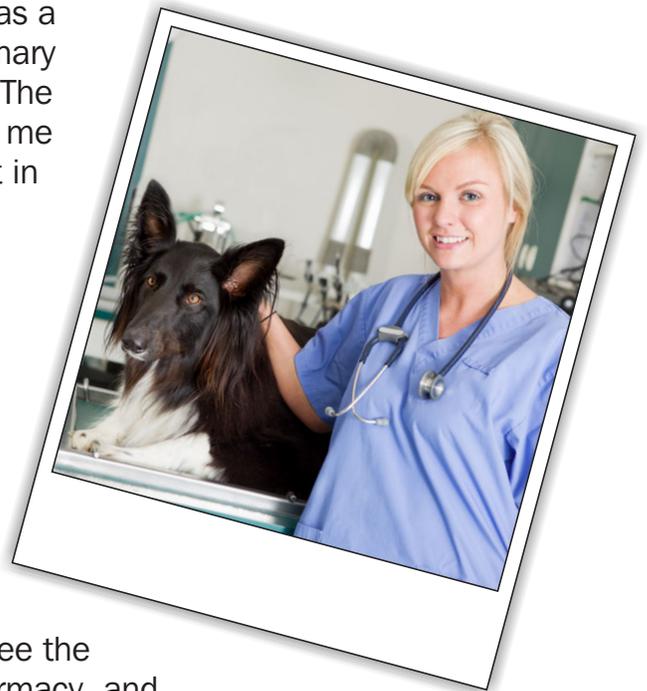
 I am a veterinary technologist and practice as a veterinary technician. I work at Blue Ridge Veterinary Hospital. Most of my work is with small animals. The dogs and cats that come in to our facility remind me of some we had when I was a child. That interest in pets led me to enroll in a veterinary science and assisting class in high school.

 Since I have a great love of animals, I feel right at home in my work. People always want to know what I do. My primary responsibility is to work under direction of the veterinarians at Blue Ridge. I assist them every way that I can. I restrain animals, prepare the surgery suite, sanitize instruments and facilities, monitor vital signs during surgery, assist animals in

recovery, oversee the veterinary pharmacy, and assist with radiographs (using a new digital system). I also greet patients and interpret instructions from the veterinarian for them.

 I first started working at a veterinary clinic in my hometown as part of my supervised experience in agriscience. As I entered college, I worked part-time and later carried out an internship in a veterinary medical hospital. I regularly attend in-service workshops and take all steps to keep my license current.

 I take great pride in being a part of the team at our clinic whose goal is to keep the animals healthy and happy. Helping animals is by far the best part of my job.



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overview



A **veterinary technician** looks after the health and well-being of animals.

suggested high school courses



biology, advanced biology, veterinary science and assisting, mathematics, and communication

experience needed



Practical experience with animals is essential. Plan and implement a related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

degree(s) required



Veterinary technicians are often qualified with a two-year college degree or AAS. Some complete a four-year BS degree program.

potential employers



veterinary hospitals and clinics, veterinary teaching schools and colleges, zoological parks, laboratory animal facilities

salary range



\$24,000 to \$40,000

employment outlook and trends



The future employment outlook for veterinary technicians is expected to be **excellent**.

professional organizations



National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America www.navta.net/
American Society of Animal Science www.asas.org/
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Student AVMA www.avma.org/savma/default.asp



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