

Veterinary Medicine

Individuals working in the field of veterinary medicine provide quality health care to animals. Veterinarians diagnose and treat animal diseases, perform surgeries, and counsel pet owners on proper animal care. Veterinary Technicians assist with routine medical procedures, animal care, and administrative tasks.

Careers within this section include:

- **Veterinarian**
- **Veterinary Assistant/Technician/Technologist**

Veterinarian



To be a successful Veterinarian you should

- Be interested in working with animals
- Be able to work well with people
- Be respectful and compassionate
- Be confident
- Pay attention to detail
- Be able to handle hectic schedules



What would I do?

Veterinarians (DVMs or VMDs) provide both large and small animals with medical care. They diagnose and treat animal illnesses, prevent the transmission of animal diseases, perform surgeries, and advise owners on proper pet care. Those specializing in large animals help maintain the health of food animals.

Veterinarians may specialize in a particular species or a medical specialization. There are 20 specializations within the veterinary medicine field. Some DVMs may conduct research on animal or human diseases. Others may be involved in wildlife preservation and conservation.

Where would I work?

Veterinarians may work in private practice or in a group practice. They can also teach and perform research. Veterinarians may work in regulatory medicine, public health, and private industry.

What would I earn?

\$42,577–\$78,458

What do I need to know?

Veterinarians must possess a bachelor's degree before entering a four-year veterinary medical college. Admission into veterinary school is highly competitive and applicants should have at least a 3.0 undergraduate grade point average.

What schools can I attend?

At the current time there are no veterinary colleges in New Hampshire. For a listing of veterinary schools nationwide, please contact the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (see below). For undergraduate preparation, UNH offers a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science with an option in preveterinary medicine.

University of New Hampshire
4 Garrison Avenue
Durham, NH 03824
(603) 862-1360
www.unh.edu

Please contact your guidance office or career counselor for more information.

Where can I find more information?

American Veterinary Medical Association
1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(847) 925-8070
(800) 248-2862
www.avma.org

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
1101 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 710
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 371-9195
www.aavmc.org



Veterinary Assistant/ Technician/ Technologist



To be a successful Veterinary Assistant/Technician/Technologist, you should

- **Be compassionate and understanding**
- **Be able to communicate with the public**
- **Enjoy working with animals**
- **Be attentive to detail**
- **Be able to handle hectic schedules**

What would I do?

Veterinary Assistants, Technicians, and Technologists help Veterinarians provide medical care to animals. Veterinary Technicians and Technologists are educated to be the Veterinarian's Nurse, Laboratory Technician, Radiography Technician, Anesthetist, Surgical Nurse, and Client Educator. Veterinary Assistants assist the Veterinarian, Veterinary Technician, or Technologist with daily tasks, in addition to setting up equipment and cleaning key areas. They also provide routine animal care such as feeding, walking, and bathing.

Where would I work?

Veterinary Assistants, Technicians, and Technologists work in veterinary offices, clinics, kennels, animal shelters, biomedical research, zoo/wildlife medicine, industry, the military, and livestock health management. They usually work under the supervision of a Veterinarian.

What would I earn?

\$19,614–\$27,331

What do I need to know?

Veterinary Technicians complete a two-year American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited program. Veterinary Technologists complete an AVMA accredited bachelor's degree program. At the present time, New Hampshire does not require Veterinary Technicians and Technologists to pass a written examination to become licensed. Veterinary Assistants often receive on-the-job training by the Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician or Technologist.

What schools can I attend?

New Hampshire Community Technical College-Stratham
277 Portsmouth Avenue
Stratham, NH 03885
(603) 772-1194
(800) 522-1194
www.stratham.nhctc.edu

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