

Veterinary Technician



WHAT IS A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

A Veterinary Technician completes many tasks that assist a veterinarian, including running tests, taking samples from livestock animals, assisting in on farm health checks, and attending visits to farm sites to perform services such as inoculations or treating animals with antibiotics. Veterinary technicians may work from a veterinarian office, or on individual farms.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Working independently
- Work that changes daily
- Working with animals
- Working with hands-on tasks
- Working in a small business
- Regular hours



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Post-secondary education in veterinary technology or animal health programs accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) as well as successful completion of Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). BC Veterinary technicians must also hold Professional Membership with the British Columbia Veterinary Technologists Association (BCVTA)
- **Related School Subjects:** Life Sciences, Math

CORE DUTIES

of a Veterinary Technician

Visit farms

to manage the health of livestock

Work closely with veterinarians

Variety of tasks are completed each day depending on the farm and animal needs

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WORKPLACE

Indoor and outdoor work

SALARY RANGE

Approximate Starting Salary Range:
\$23.00- \$28.00/hour

STAND OUT SKILLS

- **Adaptability:** Each farm and day presents unique challenges
- **Detail-oriented:** Ensures animal health and farm safety
- **Independence:** Work efficiently without constant supervision
- **Organizational skills:** Manage tasks across multiple farms

SIMILAR AND RELATED CAREERS

- Veterinarian
- Livestock Farmer
- Livestock Technician



LOCATION

BC Wide



"I love being able to work outside of the office with every day being different."
- Mieka Giesler



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