

BioCareer Pathway for **Animal Care Technician**

Recent Graduates

- Secondary School Diploma
+
College Certificate or Diploma program
+
Undergraduate degree (BSc)
+
Association accreditation (RVT, Registered Veterinary Technician/or Technologist)

Entry-level

Animal Care Technician {Employment in pet stores, animal shelters, with dog/animal groomers and trainers and in veterinary clinics}

2-5 Years

Animal Care Technician/Veterinary Technician

5-7 Years

Animal Care Technician/Veterinary Technician/Research Technician {clinical speciality such as microsurgery or anaesthesiology}

7 Years+

Senior Animal Care Technician/Veterinary Technician/Research Technician

An experienced Animal Care Technician may become highly specialized in a unique research or clinical area e.g. transgenetics, wildlife medicine, biosecurity.

Career Change

Nursing; Research Associate;
Research Technician

Job Functions

(You may be responsible for more than one)

- Provide for, and ensure, the care and well-being of animals.
- Provide clinical and/or technical support in the diagnosis and treatment of animal health.
- Taking and analyzing samples, dispensing medications, performing general health assessments.
- Support surgical and medical interventions under the supervision of a Veterinarian.

Actual job titles may vary slightly between organizations. The BioCareer Pathways are meant as a guide for potential career paths. They have been developed through secondary research.