

# BioCareer Pathway for **Animal Care Attendant**

## Recent Graduates

- Secondary School Diploma  
+  
College Certificate or Diploma program  
+  
Association accreditation  
(Laboratory Animal Science)

## Entry-level

Animal Care Assistant, Animal Care Worker, Animal Attendant {no credentials required; type of employment: animal shelters, pet stores, veterinarian clinics, food services industry, etc.}

## 2-5 Years

Animal Care Attendant {Association accreditation required for laboratory animal science to work in a vivarium at a hospital or university research institute or a biotech/pharma company.}

## 5-7 Years

Animal Care Technician {with a combination of years of experience as an ACA and additional educational requirements}

## 7 Years+

Senior Animal Care Technician

## Career Change

As an entry-level position, ACA is a good starting point to view a variety of career paths {e.g. veterinary medicine, research, etc.}. Many skilled Laboratory Technicians and Research Associates have used this route as a means to switch careers.

## Job Functions

(You may be responsible for more than one)

- Provide for and ensure the care and well being of animals in research facilities and laboratories.
- Responsible to clean, feed, exercise and maintain animals and their living quarters.
- Monitor and take notes observing for health conditions or behavioural changes.

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.