

Vet, Vet Tech, or Assistant?



DUTIES

Vet

Administer treatments, assist in surgery, pre/post operative care, calculate drug dosages, take patient histories, handle and restrain patients, and provide client education. Run anesthesia, perform lab tests, take x-rays, assist in dentals.

Vet Tech

A Vet Tech has all of the same duties as a Veterinarian other than these 4 things that only Veterinarians can do:

1. prescribe medications
2. interpret tests/diagnose,
3. initiate treatment
4. perform solo surgeries.

Assistant

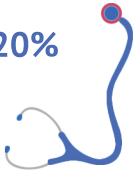
Assistants are quite limited in duties when compared with Vets and Vet Techs. They can feed and water animals, clean and disinfect cages and work areas, and sterilize equipment. Mainly they assist Vets and Vet Techs.

JOB GROWTH * (2021-2031)

19%



20%



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CAREER POSSIBILITIES



ZOO



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Small and large animal, Exotics, Avian, Shelters, ER, Trauma, Government, Research, Diagnostic labs, Zoos, Aquariums, Food safety, Drug and food manufacturing, Public health, Education, Teaching hospitals, Animal Therapy, Specialty practice.

Anything from small animal to large animal clinicals as well as a wide variety of government jobs, zoos, etc.

U.S. clinical and lab settings.

SCHOOLING REQUIRED

Vet

8-12 years

Vet Tech

2 years

Assistant

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BOARD EXAM REQUIRED ?

YES

YES

NO

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION



Extremely competitive, undergraduate degree typically required.



Highly likely, high school diploma or GED typically required.



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