

VETERINARY SCIENCE CAREERS

Veterinary science professionals play a crucial role in ensuring the health and well-being of animals, which in turn has significant impacts on human health, the environment, and the economy. Every community requires veterinary professionals for animal health care, but these professionals have a range of responsibilities. Protecting the health and welfare of the general public is a top priority for veterinarians.³

Projected Growth¹

Overall employment of veterinary science careers is projected to grow

19%

from 2021 to 2031.

Job Outlook¹

The outlook for veterinary science careers is promising! Careers in the veterinary science field are expected to grow much faster than average.

Animal Chiropractor

These specialists treat diseases and injuries affecting the musculoskeletal system in both domestic and wild animals of all sizes. Animal chiropractors create unique therapies for each animal patient, whether it be correcting vertebrae or massaging muscles to aid in performance.

Average Salary:
\$80,000⁴



Average Salary:
\$87,316⁴



Animal Nutritionist

Livestock nutrition, equine nutrition, and pet nutrition are just a few of the specialties offered by animal nutritionists. These experts get to know the animals they are responsible for by looking at their diets, exercise routines, living spaces, and other elements that may have an impact on nutrition. Based on their discoveries, they develop diet regimens and suggestions.

Veterinary Criticalist

Veterinary criticalists who provide emergency care are also referred to as emergency room veterinarians. Veterinary criticalists must move swiftly to evaluate the animal and choose a plan of action, whether they are dealing with a medical trauma, an acute disease, or other emergency situations.

Average Salary:
\$117,500⁴



Average Salary:
\$100,370⁴



Veterinarian

Veterinarians treat the injuries and illnesses of pets and other animals with a variety of medical equipment, including surgical tools and x-ray and ultrasound machines. They provide treatment for animals that is similar to the services a physician provides to humans.

Veterinary Medical Director

Veterinary medical directors work to manage hospital settings and ensure their functionality. They take on the role of head veterinarians in practice groups, supervise associate veterinarians, offer advice on medical and surgical cases, assess cases in identifying methods to enhance the standard of patient care, and make sure rules and protocols are strictly adhered to.

Average Salary:
\$125,480⁴



Average Salary:
\$38,850⁴



Veterinary Technician

The tasks performed by veterinary technicians vary from clinic to clinic. They typically provide nursing care to sick or injured animals, clean and bathe their patients, gather specimens for laboratory tests, and administer medication and treatment as prescribed by a veterinarian.

Top Soft Skills²

- Customer Service
- Empathy
- Communication



1. <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinarians.htm>

2. <https://www.bestcolleges.com/veterinary/veterinary-technician/top-skills/>

3. <https://www.aavmc.org/becoming-a-veterinarian/a-career-in-veterinary-medicine/>

4. <https://www.bestcolleges.com/healthcare/veterinary-jobs/>