

VETERINARY NURSING

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Job Description

Licensed veterinary nurses/technicians provide professional support services to veterinarians. A licensed veterinary nurse's/technician's duties are those of animal nursing, nurse-anesthetist, operating room technician, dental hygienist, medical laboratory technician, and radiology technician. The veterinary nurse also performs administrative duties pertaining to the practice's management.

Career Opportunities

Career fields for a licensed veterinary nurse/technician may include:

- Private/Corporate Animal Clinical Practice (small, mixed, or large animals)
- Specialty Practice (ophthalmology, oncology, etc.)
- Zoological Medicine
- Food Production (herd health management)
- Government (USDA)
- Industry Sales
- Wildlife Rehabilitation
- Military
- Research (lab animal health management)
- Education (Instruction of professional veterinary students and veterinary nursing students)
- Clinical Laboratory (Biological sample analysis)

Approximate Salary in Nevada

Salary is highly variable depending on disciplinary focus of the technician.

National estimate for Mean annual wage \$40,770.00
 National Mean Hourly wage \$19.60
 Nevada Median Hourly wage.....\$23.25
 Nevada Mean Hourly wage..... \$23.27
 Nevada Mean annual wage\$43,400 - \$51,680
 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics) (May 2022)

Program Description

The College of Southern Nevada's Veterinary Nursing Program is 4 semesters in length, and leads to an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Nursing. The curriculum consists of 50 credits of professional course work which includes directed clinical practice opportunities, and 24 credits of general education courses. The program is the first in the state of Nevada to achieve full accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association. It also has unique affiliations with multiple private institutions and organizations which provides learning opportunities overseen by nationally and internationally recognized veterinary specialists. A graduate of this program will have nationally recognized credentials and may sit for all national and state licensing examinations.

Admission Requirements

The CSN Veterinary Nursing Program is a Limited Entry program. All program prerequisites must be completed by the completion deadline, in order to be eligible for consideration.

Approximate Costs

(Costs are subject to change)

Tuition:	
74 credits x \$127.00 per credit hr	\$9,398.00
Books	\$500 - \$1200.00
Lab Fees	\$25.00 - \$50.00/lab
Uniforms	\$200.00 - \$450.00
Urine Drug Screen	\$39.00
Physical Exam.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Immunizations	\$0 - \$1000.00
Registration:	
Veterinary Nurse/Technician in Training (VNIT/VTIT)	
.....	\$50.00
NVMB Application and	
Nevada State & National Exams.....	\$425.00
Medical Insurance.....	\$20.00 - \$190.00/month
Applies only if you are presently uninsured.	
College Application Fee.....	\$20.00
One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.	
Limited Entry Admission fee.....	\$20.00
Non-resident Fee.....	\$4450.00 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to	
nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.	

Application Deadline

Student applying for Fall 2026 program must submit an application to the Limited Entry Office by June 1, 2026. Final grades or transcript evaluation must be in the Limited Entry Office by June 1, 2026. A "Limited-Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" may be obtained online at <https://www.csn.edu/education-and-training/Limited-Entry-Admission>

Accepted Students

Students accepted into the program will be required to show proof of health insurance and immunization against Tetanus (Tdap). **Students may also be required to show proof of Rabies immunizations once accepted into the Veterinary Nursing program.** In addition, proof of a negative drug screen is required. A physical exam is also required prior to starting the program.

Licensure/Certification as Veterinary Nurse/Technician

The term, "Veterinary Nurse in Training (VTIT/VNIT)," refers to a person who has met the criteria and is registered with the Nevada Veterinary Medical Examiners while enrolled in an approved program of study. Registration material for the "VTIT/VNIT" will be available after the completion of the first year of coursework. The term, "Licensed Veterinary Nurse/Technician," refers to a person credential in the State of Nevada. To become a licensed veterinary nurse/technician an applicant must have a high school diploma (or equivalent), be of "good moral character," have graduated from a board approved program in Veterinary Nursing/Technology, and passed both the National and Nevada State Veterinary Nurse/Technician licensing exams.

Accreditation

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
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