How to Become a Registered Veterinary Technician

3 routes:

1. Graduate from AVMA-accredited and CVB approved program
   a. Can be 2-4 years long
   b. Includes hands-on training as well as classroom coursework
   c. Usually will graduate with an Associate’s degree

2. Alternative route
   a. Complete 20 semester units or 30 quarter units or 300 hours of specific education
   b. Plus 4,416 hours of direct clinical experience over the course of at least 24 months under supervision of California licensed veterinarian
   c. Designed for individuals already working in a vet practice

3. Already licensed in a different state
   a. Must show proof of completed requirements and pass the VTNE

Licensing exam:

- Veterinary Technician National Examination
  o $310 fee to take computerized exam
  o Offered during 3 1-month periods each year
  o Have to apply and be eligible to take the test

Where to go to take courses:

- In California:
  o Northern CA: Carrington College (multiple locations across northern California), Cosumnes River College, Yuba College
  o Central CA: San Joaquin Valley College
  o Southern CA: many locations in Orange County, LA County, and San Diego County

- Distance Learning (online accredited courses):
  o Discounts offered for employees of CVMA members: Cedar Valley, Penn Foster
  o Others: Jefferson State, Northern Virginia Community College, Purdue, St. Petersburg College, San Juan College