

## Employment Opportunities

There are many fields that provide interesting employment opportunities

- Animal clinics (small, large, exotic)
- Clinic management
- Diagnostic laboratories
- Food animal inspection
- Government and industrial institutions
- Humane societies
- Livestock health
- Race tracks
- Research facilities
- Sales; pharmaceutical, nutrition
- Teaching
- Zoological parks

Check out the OAVT website;  
[www.oavt.org](http://www.oavt.org) / employment ads



**2011**  
33rd Annual  
**OAVT conference**  
ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

**LONDON CONVENTION CENTRE  
& HILTON LONDON**

**FEBRUARY 17-19, 2011**

**The largest and most comprehensive  
CE program for technicians in the world!**

Registration and conference information  
can be found at [www.oavt.org](http://www.oavt.org)

Please visit [www.oavt.org](http://www.oavt.org) for  
information on...

- Membership information
- By-laws
- Forms and documents
- CE opportunities
- Job postings

## Student Information Brochure



*Our Mission Statement:*

*"As an essential part of the veterinary healthcare team, we foster integrity and innovation to support and advocate for our members, our communities, and the animals that we care for"*

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Once a candidate has graduated from a program of study that is approved by the OAVT they can begin the steps involved in becoming Registered.

Candidates must complete all the requirements for admission within one year of commencing the process for becoming registered.

1. Obtain a passing score on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) recognized by OAVT. You are permitted three attempts to obtain a passing score.
2. Attend the Professionalism & Ethics information session.
3. Produce evidence that they have not been convicted of a criminal offence by providing original documentation (*criminal/police check*)
4. Be a member in good standing of the Corporation (*pay, in full, all required dues*)

## 1. National Veterinary Technicians Examination, to qualify for the VTNE you must be;

• A graduate from an OAVT accredited college

- A member of OAVT

The **AAVSB** has developed a computer based test (CBT) for the VTNE. There are three windows per year (summer, fall, winter) of the CBT. Each window will be available for one month; making it more convenient for candidates to take the test and to provide results quickly.

VTNE registration, Information, a sample test and list of reference books for study material are located on the Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) website;

[www.aavsb.org](http://www.aavsb.org) / VTNE

Current testing windows / Registration deadline

March 1– 31	February 1
July 15-August 15	June 15
November 15—December 15	October 15

### Important;

- VTNE registration is done directly with the AAVSB
- Note on your registration form any special accommodations you may require, *contact the OAVT office once you have registered*
- Once your application and eligibility have been processed and approved, you will receive an “Authorization-to-Test” (ATT) letter from the Professional Examination Service (PES). This letter explains how to make an examination appointment.

## 2. The Professionalism & Ethics information session

is a requirement for registration which provides the opportunity to learn about professionalism and ethics from experience. Participants work through real life situations in a variety of work environments to experience some of the challenges of being a professional RVT.

- Understanding the importance of a defined protocol (Standard Operating Procedures).
- How to handle difficult situations.
- Working with other professionals in a regulated/defined environment.
- The potential implications of actions or inactions in a variety of real life situations.
- How to communicate boundaries to other professionals and deal with clients.

*Next session February 17th, 2011 held at the 33rd Annual OAVT Conference in London. Register on the Conference registration form.*

**3. Criminal / Police Check;** candidates are required to provide original documentation of a background check indicating they have not been convicted of a criminal offense.

- Contact your local police department and request a background check.
- Forward the original criminal check to the OAVT Registrar.

**4. Be a Member in Good Standing;** insurance protects you against liability or allegations for damages resulting from a negligent act, errors and omissions or malpractice arising out of your profession as an RVT.

Errors and Omissions insurance is paid by the candidate when the previous steps have successfully been completed. This coverage applies whether you are working full or part time and/or volunteering.

## Maintaining your Registered status

- Remain a member in good standing; pay all dues pertaining to registered status
- Complete the continuing education requirements

By-law 2.2

**CE credits**

Your CE collection period begins the year after the date you became Registered; for example...

- Obtained your registered status in 2011
- CE collection period begins January 1, 2012  
ends December 31, 2013  
CE due by March 1, 2014
- A minimum of 20 credits are required every two years, a maximum of 10 credits can be carried over to the next collection period