

JOB ROLE

VETERINARY NURSE

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected change of +5.9%
- > From 15,200 in 2023 to 16,100 in 2028

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Nursing
- > Critical Care
- > Postoperative Care
- > Pathology
- > Animal Handling

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Effective Communication
- > Customer Service
- > Emergency Procedure Knowledge
- > Record Keeping
- > Detail Orientated

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- > Veterinary Services
- > Higher Education

TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- > Greencross Vets
- > University of Adelaide
- > Vet Partners
- > Adelaide Veterinary Specialist & Referral Centre
- > Vets4Pets



YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- > Veterinarian
- > Anaesthetic Technician

QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS



Looking to progress your career? TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (*fees may apply)

- > Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (ACM40418)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.

JOB HOLDER COMMENTS



“This study helped me grow so much with my understanding and knowledge of vet nursing. While doing placement, I gained a full-time job as a vet nurse at my local vet. I was really lucky and couldn’t be happier with the support and help I received to complete my studies part-time and still work doing what I love.”

Hannah Atkinson
Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (ACM40418)



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY



Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Follow these organisations on social media:

- > Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia
- > Australian Veterinary Association
- > RSPCA

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- > Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- > Look for employment opportunities advertised on
 - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
 - online employment websites like Seek
 - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website

CAREER SUPPORT



Not sure where to start? TAFE SA’s Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- > career planning
- > write a winning resume
- > how to respond to selection criteria
- > cover letters that stand out
- > preparing for job interviews

To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA’s Career Support Page: Career Support (tafesa.edu.au)

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