

# Aparicio-Levy Technical College

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## Veterinary Assisting



The program trains students to assist veterinarians and other animal care professionals. Students will gain experience in animal care and husbandry, grooming, proper restraint methods, laboratory skills, parasitology, and animal preventive health care.

The program utilizes computer modules from the Patterson Veterinary Academy (PVA) program, lectures, and classroom and lab activities to train students. In addition to the 750 classroom hours, students are required by the Florida Veterinary Medical Association to complete a required skills list and an additional 250 experiential hours in a veterinary hospital.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be qualified to take the industry certification exam through the FVMA to become a Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA).

Cost:	\$ 4,226.00 (subject to change)
Length:	750 hours (8-9 months)  Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Certifications:	Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA) from the Florida Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA)
Entry-Level Pay in the Tampa Bay Area:	\$ 15.73 – 25.43 per hour
Next Class Start Dates:	<b>October 2025</b>
Admissions Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High school diploma or GED</li><li>• Photo ID/proof of age</li></ul>
Financial Aid:	Program is eligible for FAFSA/PELL. To be considered for financial aid, complete a FAFSA at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>

