

Occupations in Field	Projected Income (Annual Mean Wage)	Education Required	Licensing/Credentials Required (by State)
Animal Control Officer	32,050	Diploma	While specialized training is not required the Humane Society of the United States , the American Humane Association , and the National Animal Control Association offer training programs and workshops.
Animal Groomer	28,759	6-10 week apprenticeship with an experienced groomer OR prospective groomers may attend one of the 50 State-licensed grooming schools throughout the country, with programs varying in length from 2 to 18 weeks.	The National Dog Groomers Association of America offers certification for master status as a groomer. To earn certification, applicants must demonstrate their practical skills and pass two exams.
Animal Trainer	31,110	Animal trainers often need a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Some animal training jobs may require a bachelor's degree and additional skills. For example, marine mammal trainers usually need a bachelor's degree in biology, marine biology, animal science, psychology, or a related field.	For dog trainers, certification by a professional association or one of the hundreds of private vocational or State-approved trade schools can be advantageous.
Veterinary Technician or Technologist	31,030	2-year associate degree from an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)-accredited community college program in veterinary technology OR 4-year bachelor's degree in veterinary technology.	Each State regulates veterinary technicians and technologists differently; however, most States require them to pass a credentialing exam following coursework. Depending on the State, candidates may become registered, licensed, or certified. Most States, however, use the National Veterinary Technician (NVT) exam .

			Prospects usually can have their passing scores transferred from one State to another, so long as both States use the same exam. Employers recommend American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) certification for those seeking employment in a research facility.
Veterinarian	92,570	Prospective veterinarians must graduate with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M. or V.M.D.) degree from a 4-year program at an accredited college of veterinary medicine.	All States require that veterinarians be licensed before they can practice. Licensing is controlled by the States and is not uniform, although all States require the completion of the D.V.M. degree— or equivalent education—and a passing grade on the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam .