



**Mt. San Antonio College
Natural Sciences Division**

**REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY
ASSOCIATE in SCIENCE DEGREE**

The Registered Veterinary Technology Program, which is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, is designed to enable students to prepare for a career in this essential and diverse profession. The program is unique in that most courses provide hands-on experience designed to give the student a combination of practical skills and technical knowledge.

The program is intended to prepare students for entry-level employment following graduation.

This degree is designed to prepare students for careers as Registered Veterinary Technicians who will work under the supervision of licensed private organizations including veterinary hospitals, research facilities, animal shelters, and other animal care agencies. Graduates of this program receive an Associate in Science Degree in Registered Veterinary Technology and are eligible to take the VTNE (Veterinary Technicians National Exam) leading to licensure as a Registered Veterinary Technician.

ACCREDITATION

The Registered Veterinary Program at Mt. San Antonio College is fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

OPPORTUNITIES

The employment opportunities for a Registered Veterinary Technician are excellent. Due to the responsibilities involved in the profession, and the growing recognition of the great need for properly trained persons, the salary scale is steadily climbing. Therefore, for the ambitious, dedicated worker, there is a real opportunity for a well-paid and rewarding future.

COST

There is an enrollment fee of forty-six dollars (\$46) per unit* plus material fees, health service fees, college service fees and parking fees. Non-resident students are required to pay non-resident tuition fees. Please consult the college catalog for further information. The expense of enrollment, parking, uniforms, textbooks and related accessories (i.e., transportation to school and to and from the work experience facilities) are to be arranged by the student. Scholarships or loan funds are available; please contact Financial Aid <https://www.mtsac.edu/financialaid/> for further information (Building 9B upper level – 909-274-4450).

*All fees are subject to change.

▪ ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting Mt. San Antonio College's academic standards for admission, applicants must be in good standing and satisfy the following requirements:

1. APPLY TO THE COLLEGE

File an online college application (www.mtsac.edu) and be accepted as a student at Mt. San Antonio College.

- To help ensure students take the right English reading, and math courses, students must complete the college's online Assessment Questionnaire (AQ) for course placement in English, Reading, and Math. Most students will immediately receive placement results based on their answers on the Assessment Questionnaire. You can find the Assessment Questionnaire at <https://www.mtsac.edu/assessment/aq/>

▪ COURSEWORK FROM OTHER COLLEGES

General education coursework taken at another college must be reviewed for equivalency through the Counseling Department.

(https://www.mtsac.edu/counseling/submitting_transcripts.html) Coursework relating to animals must be reviewed by the Program Director by providing a Variance form ([Howtorequestavarianceorcreditforequivalencyform.pdf](#)), unofficial transcripts and course catalog description.

▪ FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS

All course work taken outside of the United States must be analyzed by a designated agency for Foreign Transcript evaluation. No foreign course work will be accepted without this evaluation. It is the sole responsibility of the applying student to get the evaluation completed before entry into the program. Information for transcript evaluation is available in the Admissions Department.

2. RABIES VACCINE CLEARANCE

When you are ready, submit documentation (<https://www.mtsac.edu/vettech/immunizations.html>) of 2-dose, Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Rabies vaccination series to allow you to register for the following Registered Veterinary Technology courses:

- ASCI 51 - Handling & Restraint
- AGHE 60 - Medical Nursing
- AGHE 61 - Surgical Nursing
- AGHE 65 - Radiography
- AGHE 84B - Applied Animal Health Procedures
- AGHE 83A - Work Experience

3. FORMAL ADMISSION

Students must have completed 75% of all G.E. courses as well as 75% of all lower-level RVT courses completed, prior to review of coursework with the Director of RVT for formal program admittance consideration. An appointment must be scheduled via email with Dr. Naomi Barnes (naomi.barnes@mtsac.edu). Formal Admittance allows you to register for the following courses:

- AGHE 60 – Medical Nursing
- AGHE 62A – Clinical Pathology A
- AGHE 62B – Clinical Pathology B
- AGHE 85 - Seminar

4. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

As of Spring 2024, there is no longer an application process to enter the RVT Program. However, you will see that certain classes have restrictions in place, and you will not be able to register for these courses until you have met the criteria. (See #2 and #3 above)

5. A.S. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

All students entering the Registered Veterinary Technology Program **MUST** complete all the major course requirements and the general education requirements necessary to complete the Associate Degree before being permitted to sit for the VTNE (Veterinary Technicians National Exam). Student are *strongly encouraged* to have completed or be near completion of their general education courses prior to starting the RVT Program

6. OTHER

All applicants are **REQUIRED** to meet the Essential Functions for success in the Registered Veterinary Technology Program:

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Perform prolonged, extensive or considerable standing/walking, lifting and carrying (up to 50 lbs. or more).
- Use hands and arms to handle, install, position and move materials, equipment and supplies without assistance.
- Handle, position and restrain live animals of small and large species (up to 50 lbs).

COGNITIVE ABILITY

- Be able to function in a structured environment within significant time constraints and capable of making rapid decisions in urgent situations.
- Possess a willingness to assist with and perform a wide variety of routine medical, surgical and diagnostic procedures common to the veterinary setting.
- Be able to complete required tasks/functions under stressful and/or unpredictable conditions, including emergency situations.
- Be able to access information from books, reference manuals, computers and paper/electronic medical documents.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Read, write, speak and report accurately and effectively in English.
- Comprehend and carry out complex written and oral instructions given in English.
- Be able, when communicating with other individuals by speech, either in person or by telephone, to make legible and coherent written notes in English.

MANUAL DEXTERITY AND MOBILITY

- Be able to move his/her entire body a distance of no less than three meters within two seconds of a signal to do so.
- Possess fine motor movements in order to perform the essential functions of the profession.
- Possess tactile ability necessary for physical assessment and to perform nursing duties in a timely manner.

AUDITORY, OLFATORY AND VISUAL SKILLS

- Possess adequate visual ability, with or without correction, which allows the determination of minute areas of detail.
- Possess visual ability to allow for observation and assessment as necessary in nursing care.
- Possess auditory ability necessary to monitor and assess health status.

Entire list of Essential Functions for Veterinary Technology (RVT) Students can be found under Resources: [EssentialFunctionsforVeterinaryTechnologyStudents.pdf](#)

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EXPENSES TO STUDENT

Enrollment Fees	Approximately \$4,048
Textbooks	Approximately \$800-1000
Uniforms	Approximately \$40
Stethoscope	Approximately \$20-150
License & Board Application Fee	\$825
Transportation	Must have own transportation
Meals	Not provided by the college or hospitals

▪ **CURRICULUM**

To remain in the program, students must maintain a “C” or better grade in all courses and complete the general education requirements for the A.S. Degree.

***Failure to enroll in any Mt. SAC courses for 2 consecutive major terms requires College re-enrollment.