Mt. San Antonio College
Natural Sciences Division

REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY
ASSOCIATE in SCIENCE DEGREE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Registered Veterinary Technology (RVT) Program at Mt. San Antonio College prepares students for careers as Registered Veterinary Technicians working under the supervision of licensed veterinarians in private practice, specialty hospitals, research facilities, shelters, and other animal care agencies.

Graduates earn an Associate in Science Degree in Registered Veterinary Technology and are eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) and the California state examination for licensure.

The Program emphasizes hands-on clinical skills, technical competency, and professional readiness consistent with industry standards.

ACCREDITATION

The RVT Program at Mt. San Antonio College is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA).

PROGRAM STRUCTURE & ADMISSIONS

The RVT Program is currently transitioning to a Limited Admissions model beginning Fall 2026. Please review the section below that applies to your intended start term.

SECTION I

CURRENT PROGRAM MODEL (Through Summer 2026)
Open Enrollment Structure

The RVT Program currently operates under an open enrollment model.

There is no separate application process to enter the Program. Students may enroll in RVT courses once prerequisites and course requirements are met.

However, the Program is impacted, and course availability may affect a student's ability to complete

the Program within a specific timeframe.

Completion in two to three years is not guaranteed under the current model.

Steps to Begin (Current Model)

1. [Apply to Mt. San Antonio College](#).
2. Complete required prerequisite coursework (some prerequisites may also fulfill General Education requirements).
3. Submit Rabies Vaccine clearance prior to enrolling in animal handling and clinical courses.
4. Register for RVT courses once eligibility requirements are met.

Rabies Vaccine Clearance

Documentation of the 2-dose pre-exposure rabies vaccination series is required prior to enrolling in designated RVT courses involving animal handling and clinical procedures.

Approved documentation instructions are available at: [Rabies Immunization Requirements – RVT Program](#)

Degree Requirements

Students must:
- Complete all required major coursework with a grade of "C" or better.
- Complete all Associate Degree general education requirements.

SECTION II

Beginning Fall 2026 – Limited Admissions Model

This model applies to students seeking to begin the RVT Program in Fall 2026 or later.

Beginning Fall 2026, the Registered Veterinary Technology (RVT) Program will implement a Limited Admissions model to align with AVMA recommendations, support structured progression, and manage Program capacity.

Admission to the Program is required prior to enrollment in core Veterinary Technology (AGHE-prefix) courses, regardless of registration system availability.

Counseling Verification Required Prior to Application

Applicants must complete all required General Education and prerequisite coursework before submitting an RVT Program application.

Completion of coursework must be verified by a Mt. SAC counselor prior to forwarding the application to the Program Director.

Applications submitted without completed and counselor-verified General Education and prerequisite coursework will not be processed.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with Counseling early to ensure all requirements are satisfied and documented prior to the application period.

Program Director Verification

Following counselor verification of General Education and prerequisite completion, the application is reviewed by the Program Director.

Applicants must submit required medical clearance documentation, including verification of current rabies immunization or titer, prior to final processing.

Submission of medical clearance documentation does not guarantee admission, as seat placement remains subject to Program capacity and date of verified eligibility completion.

Once all required documentation has been verified by the Program Director, eligible applications are forwarded to the Agricultural Sciences Department for seat processing.

Application and Selection Process

Admission is limited and based on:
- Completion of all eligibility requirements
- Date of verified application submission

When possible, applicants will be notified of admission decisions at least one month prior to the Program start date.

Candidates must confirm acceptance of their placement within seven (7) calendar days of email notification to secure their seat. Failure to respond within the stated timeframe will result in forfeiture of the seat.

Notification is sent to the student's official Mt. SAC email account. Students are responsible for monitoring their email and spam folders during the notification period.

If Program capacity has been reached, eligible applicants will be placed on a waitlist in order of verified eligibility completion and notified if a seat becomes available.

Waitlist placement is determined by the date all eligibility requirements are verified as complete.

All admitted students are required to attend the mandatory Program Orientation. Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the seat.

Exceptions may be considered in documented emergency circumstances at the discretion of the Program Director.

Key Features of the Limited Admissions Model

- Admission is required prior to enrollment in core Veterinary Technology (AGHE-prefix) courses.
- Cohort-based enrollment
- Structured course sequencing
- Defined Program capacity
- Mandatory Program orientation
- Formal confirmation process
- Established transition guidelines for legacy students

Legacy Student Transition

Students who began under the open enrollment model prior to Fall 2026 will follow established transition guidelines and will not be displaced solely due to implementation of the Limited Admissions model.

PROGRAM CURRENCY & COMPETENCY

Students returning after prolonged interruption may be required to complete competency validation and/or refresher coursework before enrolling in advanced clinical rotations or qualifying for graduation certification.

Final determination of competency alignment and graduation eligibility is made by the Program Director.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

All students must meet the Essential Functions required for success in the RVT Program. These include physical, cognitive, communication, sensory, and manual dexterity requirements consistent with professional veterinary technician responsibilities.

The full Essential Functions document is available on the RVT Program website under "Resources".

COST ESTIMATES

Costs are approximate and subject to change.

- Enrollment Fees ($46 per unit; subject to change)
- Textbooks
- Uniforms
- Stethoscope
- Licensing & Board Application Fees
- Transportation to clinical sites

Students are responsible for all associated Program costs.

Financial Aid and scholarship information is available.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Completion timeline may vary based on course availability and student enrollment patterns.
- The RVT Program reserves the right to update policies in alignment with accreditation, regulatory, and institutional requirements.
- Failure to enroll in any Mt. SAC course for two consecutive major terms requires college re-enrollment. Students who are required to re-enroll in the College must apply to the RVT Program under the admission requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.