Mt. San Antonio College - Natural Sciences Division – Agricultural Sciences

# REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION PACKET

**How to Enter the Program and Plan Your Courses**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Registered Veterinary Technology (RVT) Program at Mt. San Antonio College prepares students to work as veterinary technicians under the supervision of licensed veterinarians. Students learn in the classroom, practice hands-on skills, and complete supervised Work Experience in veterinary settings.

Graduates earn an Associate in Science degree in Registered Veterinary Technology. After graduation, they may complete the current examination and registration requirements to become Registered Veterinary Technicians.

## ACCREDITATION

The RVT Program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA CVTEA). Check the RVT Program website for the Program's current accreditation status and official contact information.

## ABOUT THIS INFORMATION PACKET

This Information Packet explains how to enter the RVT Program and plan your courses. It is written for prospective students, applicants, and current students who are completing remaining requirements.

Students admitted to a cohort receive the RVT Student Handbook at mandatory Program Orientation. The handbook explains Program expectations, policies, safety procedures, and student responsibilities.

This packet and the Student Handbook supplement - but do not replace - the current Mt. SAC Catalog, College policies, course syllabi, and official College communications. If information conflicts, the current Catalog or applicable official College policy controls.

## WHICH PATH APPLIES TO YOU

| If you are... | Use this packet to... |
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| A new student who has not begun RVT coursework | Complete the admission requirements and apply for a cohort seat. |
| A legacy or current RVT student | Confirm your status, plan remaining courses, and follow current prerequisites and transition requirements. |

## HOW TO APPLY

Follow these steps in order. Always use the current RVT Program website and Mt. SAC Catalog because requirements, forms, and dates may change.

1. Apply to Mt. San Antonio College. Obtain your A number and activate your Mt. SAC email.
2. Complete all prerequisite, General Education, and physical well-being requirements listed below.
3. Have coursework reviewed when needed. Coursework completed outside Mt. SAC may require Counseling verification or an approved equivalency or course-substitution form.
4. Complete the Essential Functions Medical Clearance Form. Save the completed form so you can upload it directly with your RVT Program application. Do not email the form separately to the Program Director.
5. Upload your current rabies documentation through the RVT Rabies Documentation Smartsheet form. Do not email rabies documentation to the Program Director.
6. Submit a complete and accurate RVT Program application through the current online application process.
7. Monitor your Mt. SAC email and spam folder for application updates.
8. If offered a seat, accept it within seven calendar days of the email notification.
9. Attend mandatory Program Orientation. Failure to attend may result in loss of the seat unless an approved documented emergency exception applies.

## COURSES REQUIRED BEFORE APPLICATION

Complete all courses and requirements below before submitting the RVT Program application. Use the current Catalog to select courses that satisfy each General Education area.

| Requirement | What to do |
|---|---|
| COMM C100 | Complete COMM C100 or an accepted equivalent (Cal-GETC Area 1C). |
| ENGL C1000 | Complete ENGL C1000 or an accepted equivalent (Cal-GETC Area 1A). |
| Chemistry | Complete CHEM 40 or qualify for placement into CHEM 50. |
| Biology | Complete BIOL 4 or BIOL 4H. |
| Microbiology | Complete MICR 22 or MICR 1. |
| Mathematics | Complete MATH 130, MATH 160, or MATH 180. |
| Arts | Complete one approved 3-unit course in Area C-1. |
| Humanities | Complete one approved 3-unit course in Area C-2. |
| US History and American Institutions | Complete one approved 3-unit course in Area D-1. |
| Social, Political, and Economic Institutions | Complete one approved 3-unit course in Area D-2. |
| Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development | Complete one approved 3-unit course in Area E. |
| Ethnic Studies | Complete one approved 3-unit course in Area F. |
| Physical well-being | Complete at least 0.5 unit from DNCE, KINA, KINF, KINI, KINL, KINS, or KINX. |

Important: A course with a similar title may not automatically satisfy the requirement. Begin transfer-course review early. All prerequisite, General Education, and physical well-being requirements must be complete when the application is submitted.

# APPLICATION REVIEW AND SEAT OFFERS

A complete application includes all required coursework, any required coursework verification, medical clearance, current rabies documentation, and the current application form. Incomplete or inaccurate applications cannot be processed.

## HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ORDERED

Admission is limited. Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated each May/June for admission to the upcoming Fall cohort. Complete and accurate applications are considered using the approved first-come, first-served process. The application timestamp is established when all required information and documents have been received and verified.

## PROGRAM REVIEW

The Program Director reviews the application and required documents. Completing the requirements does not guarantee admission because the number of seats is limited.

## EMAIL NOTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Admission and waitlist notices are sent to the student's official Mt. SAC email account. Students are responsible for checking their inbox and spam folder.

A student offered a seat must accept or decline within seven calendar days. If the student does not respond by the deadline, the seat is forfeited and may be offered to the next eligible applicant.

## WAITLIST

When the cohort is full, eligible applicants are placed on the waitlist according to their verified application timestamp. A waitlisted applicant will be contacted if a seat becomes available.

## DOCUMENTED EMERGENCIES

A deferral or orientation exception may be considered only in a documented emergency. Requests are reviewed by the Program Director and may be referred to the Dean for additional review. Approval is not guaranteed.

# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU ACCEPT

- Attend mandatory Program Orientation.
- Receive and review the RVT Student Handbook
- Follow the approved cohort course sequence and enroll in at least one required AGHE-prefix course during each major term (Fall and Spring), unless an exception is approved.
- Maintain required medical clearance and rabies documentation.
- Use your Mt. SAC email for official Program communication.

## LEGACY AND CURRENT RVT STUDENTS

Students who established legacy eligibility before Fall 2026 follow the Program's legacy-student transition requirements and are not displaced solely because limited admissions began.

Students who did not establish legacy eligibility before Fall 2026 must use the current limited-admissions application process.

### MAINTAINING LEGACY STATUS

Legacy students must maintain continuous enrollment. A lapse of two consecutive major terms (Fall and Spring) may end legacy eligibility and require the student to use the admission requirements in effect when returning. Winter and Summer are not major terms for this purpose.

Legacy status does not remove course prerequisites or guarantee a seat in an impacted course.

## PLANNING YOUR REMAINING COURSES

| Question | Where to start |
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| What courses do I still need? | Review the current Catalog, Degree Works, and your educational plan with Counseling. |
| Which AGHE course should I take next? | Check current prerequisites, the Schedule of Classes, and RVT Program sequencing guidance. |
| Will a course from another college count? | Request Counseling review. For an AGHE course, use the Natural Sciences Equivalent Coursework or Program Course Substitution Form; ASCI requests are reviewed through Animal Science. |
| What if I withdraw or do not pass a course? | Contact the instructor and Program Director early. Future enrollment may depend on prerequisites, sequencing, and available seats. |
| What if I stop attending Mt. SAC? | Confirm College re-enrollment requirements and whether the current RVT admission process applies before returning. |

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To earn the Associate in Science degree, students must complete:

- All required RVT major courses with a grade of C or better.
- All Associate Degree general education requirements.
- Any additional units required by the current degree pattern.
- All required CVTEA Essential Skills.
- The approved Work Experience sequence and hours.

Course offerings and prerequisites may affect the time needed to finish the Program. Required courses may not be offered every term.

# HEALTH AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

## MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Applicants must submit the current Essential Functions medical-clearance form with the Program application. Clearance must remain valid for participation in designated live-animal and clinical activities.

## RABIES PROTECTION

Applicants must submit the rabies documentation required by the current Program instructions, including the initial two-dose pre-exposure series and, when applicable, the required booster or titer. Documentation must remain current before enrollment and participation in designated animal-handling and clinical courses. The Program does not offer a student exemption from this requirement.

## ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

RVT students must be able to perform required physical, cognitive, communication, sensory, behavioral, and fine-motor activities, with reasonable accommodations when applicable. Review the complete Essential Functions document on the RVT Program website. Students requesting disability-related accommodations should contact ACCESS.

# ESTIMATED STUDENT COSTS

Costs are approximate and may change. Students should plan for:

| Cost category | Examples |
|---|---|
| College costs | Enrollment fees and required units |
| Course materials | Textbooks, supplies, calculator, and required instruments |
| Clinical attire | Scrubs, closed-toe footwear, PPE, and identification |
| Health requirements | Rabies vaccination or titer and medical-clearance expenses |
| Transportation | Travel to approved clinical and Work Experience sites |
| After graduation | Examination and registration fees |

Financial Aid and scholarship information is available through Mt. SAC.

# WHERE TO FIND CURRENT INFORMATION

| Question | Start here |
|---|---|
| Admission, eligibility, sequencing, or RVT requirements | Review the RVT Program website first. If unanswered, use the Bookings link to schedule with the RVT Program Director. |
| Degree planning, General Education, or transfer coursework | Mt. SAC Counseling |
| Disability-related accommodations | Accessibility Resource Centers for Students (ACCESS) |
| Current courses and official College requirements | Mt. SAC Catalog and Schedule of Classes |