



**GUIDED
PATHWAYS
TO
SUCCESS**

Mt. San Antonio College

Veterinary

Career & Educational Pathway

VETERINARIAN



Salary*: \$99,250 per year

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY REQUIRES A DOCTORAL DEGREE

- Earn a bachelor's degree. Major options include Animal Science, Biology, Bio-Chemistry, Agriculture, etc.
- Transfer preparation to a UC or CSU information is found on assist.org and [general education options for CSU & IGETC**](#)

CAREER INFORMATION:

Typically perform the following:

- Examine animals to assess their health and diagnose problems
- Treat and dress wounds
- Perform surgery on animals
- Test for and vaccinate against diseases
- Operate medical equipment, such as x-ray machines
- Advise animal owners about general care, medical conditions, and treatments
- Prescribe medication
- Euthanize animals

REGISTERED VETERINARIAN TECHNICIAN (RVT)

CAREER INFORMATION:

Typically perform the following:

- Observe the behavior and condition of animals
- Provide nursing care or emergency first aid to recovering or injured animals
- Bathe animals, clip nails or claws, and brush or cut animals' hair
- Restrain animals during exams or procedures
- Administer anesthesia to animals and monitor their responses
- Takes x-rays and collect and perform laboratory tests, such as urinalyses and blood counts
- Prepare animals and instruments for surgery
- Administer medications, vaccines, and treatments prescribed by a veterinarian
- Collect and record animals' case histories



Salary:** \$36,260 per year

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY

Requires an Associate Degree

- Review the attached [RVT academic checklist](#) that provides application, orientation, and course requirements
- [RVT program website](#)
- [RVT catalog information & course sequence map recommendation](#)

*Salary information is taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinarians.htm> & <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinary-technologists-and-technicians.htm>) July 2021

**Science majors must concentrate on first completing "preparation" courses to be best prepared for transfer to CSU/UC.

MT. SAC RESOURCES

Counseling Services: Provides a range of services that include career, academic, and personal counseling, educational planning, and transfer preparation information. Check out recommend **suggested course sequence maps** for degrees, certificates, and transfer to Cal Poly Pomona.

Mt. SAC Library: Provides a range of resources to prepare students pursuing careers in education, and support students in all areas of study. The library has exam career exploration resources, film and article databases in veterinary science, and more!

Transfer Center: Helps students prepare to transfer through workshops, activities, events, and advising.

Financial Aid: Helps students who might not otherwise be able to attend college. Although the primary responsibility for meeting college costs rests with the student and his/her family, it is recognized that many families have limited resources and are unable to meet the cost of a college education. Financial Aid provides assistance for students with documented financial needs.