

# START

# CAREER PATHS in animal health



- Find out about the program prerequisites
- Pick your classes to match

Pick your program!



Study on campus or online.

Study science and math and get work experience in the field

**ACCREDITED Post-secondary program**

- Animal Health
- Veterinary Technology
- Veterinary Technician



**Veterinary Technician**

✓ GRADUATED



**Veterinary Technician National Examination**

✓ PASSED

## BECOME AN RVT

- Graduate from an accredited post-secondary Animal Health, Veterinary Technology or Technician program
- Pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination
- Meet licensing requirement and maintain designation
- Follow the National Standards of Practice for the Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada

## Membership in provincial associations



**Registered Veterinary Technologist / Technician**

✓ MEMBER

The opportunities are limitless! Find what suits you and your aspirations.

**Maintain your RVT designation**  
Find out what's required in the province you'll be practicing in.  
**Continuing education is key!**

## Examples of an RVT's role

- Diagnostic radiographs and ultrasound
- Anaesthetic delivery and monitoring
- Animal behaviour and welfare
- Surgical preparation and assistance
- Or expand your passion with micro-credentials
- Etc.

**Learn more about what RVTs do**

## BECOME AN RLAT

- Being an RVT allows you to apply for the Provisional Registered Laboratory Animal Technician Exam Program
- Pass the RLAT credentialling exam
- Meet certification requirements of the Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science and maintain your designation



**Registered Laboratory Animal Technician**

✓ CREDENTIAL ACHIEVED

Many RLATs and RMLATs have bachelors degrees in a variety of sciences

## BECOME AN RMLAT

- You can apply to be an RMLAT after five years in a laboratory setting
- Pass the RMLAT credentialling exam and write a research paper



**Registered Master Laboratory Animal Technician**

✓ CREDENTIAL ACHIEVED

## BECOME A CVPM

- Being an RVT in clinical practice provides the background to be a Veterinary Practice Manager
- To become a CVPM, you need professional development in a number of areas, such as: communication, leadership, human resources, finance
- To attain certification, you must meet the requirements of the Veterinary Hospital Managers Association



**Certified Veterinary Practice Manager**

✓ CREDENTIAL ACHIEVED

CVPMs lead teams and focus on the business side of veterinary medicine

## Typical positions:

- Hospital administrator
- Practice manager
- Office manager
- Human resources manager
- Financial manager
- Patient care manager
- Facility manager
- Client relations manager
- Operations manager

## BECOME A VTS

- Gain experience in general practice
- Pick an area of specialization
- Research requirements
- Complete required experiential and case studies
- Pass VTS credentialing exam
- Meet licensing requirements and maintain designation



**Veterinary Technician Specialist**

✓ CREDENTIAL ACHIEVED

Have more than one area of interest? You can be a VTS in more than one specialty.

There are many areas of specialization, including: dentistry, equine, surgery, internal medicine, nutrition, etc.  
**Here's the full list.**



**Beyond the practice**

There are unlimited opportunities to use your passion and expertise!

## Career opportunities outside of veterinary hospitals:

- Animal welfare advocate
- Researcher
- Pathologist
- Policy analyst
- Educator
- Business owner/Entrepreneur
- Manager and leader
- Animal behaviourist
- Staff at veterinary medicine association/RVT association
- Industry representative
- Product specialist/manager
- Federal/provincial government employee
- Etc.

## Examples of work settings:

- Livestock health facilities
- Animal shelters
- Animal healthcare industry
- Wildlife centres
- Pathology clinics
- Research labs
- Universities and colleges
- National/provincial/territorial parks
- Zoos
- Etc.