



So you wanna be... an RVT?

What is an RVT?

- An RVT is one of two regulated professionals licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Alberta.
- RVTs are responsible for assisting veterinarians with treating animals by performing a wide range of responsibilities such as laboratory procedures and diagnostics, x-rays, dental cleanings, anesthesia, surgical assisting, nursing care to name a few. Most RVTs work in private and corporate veterinary practice, however you can also find RVTs working in the pharmaceutical sector, zoos and aquariums, government services, university and research institutions, humane societies, feedlot operations and many more.
- RVTs constantly advocate for their patients but also for advancing veterinary care in Alberta and humane treatment of all animals.



Alberta Veterinary Technologist Association

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How do I become an RVT?

- An RVT is an individual who has graduated from a 2-year program in Animal Health Technology or Veterinary Technology, successfully completed the national examination (VTNE).
- In order to become Registered, you must complete registration requirements for licensure in the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA).
- There are 4 colleges in Alberta offering an AHT program; GPRC, Olds, NAIT and Lakeland College.

RVT Specialists

- RVTs may continue their education and training by specializing in an area of interest.
- Many, many hours of training and research go into an RVT receiving their designation of Veterinary Technician Specialist - VTS.
- The recognized VTS Specialties include: Laboratory Animal Medicine, Anesthesia and Analgesia, Clinical Pathology, Clinical Practice, Dentistry, Dermatology, Emergency and Critical Care, Equine Veterinary Nursing, Internal Medicine, Physical Rehabilitation, Veterinary Nutrition, Ophthalmology, Surgery and Zoological Medicine.
- More information on specialties and their respective academies can be found at www.navta.net/?page=specialties.