



Veterinarian

Veterinarians diagnose and treat all animal disease, pain, illness, and injury. "Animal" includes every living creature except humans. Examples of services:

- health assessments, including the use of imaging procedures
- write prescriptions
- perform surgeries
- practice in specialized fields (such as internal medicine), based on advanced training and research

Education

Complete a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from a [Department-registered](#), veterinary medicine licensure program, or the equivalent. Such programs consist of at least four years of college study, including a year of clinical training.

Examination

North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$ 93,830 in the U.S., \$107,400 in NY
- Salary range: \$70,440-\$144,560
- Projected growth: much faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Private clinics and hospitals
- Farms and ranches
- Research and education
- Government agencies
- Animal shelters, zoos, and aquariums

Your Interests and Abilities

- Work with animals
- Basic sciences
- Perform medical procedures
- Manual and technical skills

Professional Skills

- Concern for animals and people
- Ethical standards
- Attention to detail
- Communication

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a veterinarian about what they do and how they got started!