Careers in the Licensed Professions

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 an accredited American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) program, 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)

Salary and Projected Growth
- Median salary: $132,115
- Salary range: $82,497-$169,238
- Projected growth: 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
- Ethical standards
- Attention to detail
- Communication

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