

Veterinary Science Certificate Program

Extension Veterinary Medicine



May 2021 - News and Events



VSCP Events

We will get back to in person events beginning June 1, the Veterinary Science Certificate Program will be conducting the following events:

- **Called to Teach Homeschool Convention**
 - The Woodlands
 - May 27-29, 2021
 - Books and T-Shirts for sale
 - Booth Number 1004
- **Texas A&M Kingsville Vet Science Summer camp**
 - Texas A&M Kingsville School of Veterinary Technology
 - June 7-9, 2021
 - Facebook Live Updates Daily
 - Students will attend and participate in the VSCP Texas A&M Kingsville Camp in Kingsville, TX to enhance their knowledge and skills in veterinary science.
- **Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon**
 - MSC 2400 Gates Ballroom
 - June 10, 2021
 - Check in 8:00 am; Contest Begins 8:30 am

- For more information visit: <https://texas4h.wpengine.com/events/roundup/>

- **Texas A&M Vet Science Summer camp**

- Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center Texas A&M University Campus
- June 14-16, 2021
- Facebook Live Updates Daily
- Students will attend and participate in the VSCP Texas A&M Camp in College Station, TX to enhance their knowledge and skills in veterinary science.

- **2021 In-Person Teacher Training**

- Canyon, TX
- June 21-22
- Price \$225
- 12 CEUs
- More information to follow

- **Texas 4-H Horizons camp**

- Texas 4-H Center Brownwood, TX
- June 27 - July 1, 2021
- <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/files/2021/01/Horizons>

Get your VSCP gear and rock it at upcoming VSCP Events!!

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Tune in Teachers:

- **Facebook Live: 2021 Texas 4-H Round Up Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon**
 - Wednesday, May 19th @ 2pm

VSCP County Spotlight: Wise County



Wise County Vet Science Project

Wise County began the Vet Science Project in September of 2014. We began as a project to explore Veterinary Medicine with 20 kiddos. We first used the Veterinary Science Curriculum levels 1-3 from the Texas 4-H Curriculum where we completed lessons and objectives throughout the first year. We partnered with local veterinarians to provide hands on learning experiences in the office and the field. In November of 2014 we had an amazing experience working with Dr. Sarchett and Zoetis to perform cattle injections and a necropsy. In May of 2015 with the help of local veterinarians we created our own skill-a-thon using the knowledge we had gained that year. This created a greater interest and need for our students to expand the program into the Veterinary Science 4-H Certification Program and Project. We began the certification and competition team program in 2015. The first year we had almost 25 students in our program. Wise County designed the project to be spread out over 3 years with students beginning the program at age 12. During the year we ask veterinarians, vet techs, reproduction specialist, and many other industry leaders to come into our classroom setting to teach or expand on the lessons found in the textbook Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant and to learn the

identification items found in Veterinary Science Career Development Events Handbook. Our students meet twice a month in a classroom setting to go over the lesson for that month and to learn the hands-on practicums. Each year that we have new students join we create a level 1 group for them, and a new volunteer facilitates the group. We will have 3 levels each year, at the end of the year the level will advance to the next. Students who are 16 and have completed all requirements of programs will take the CVA certification from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association We partnered with a vet tech who also met with us once a month to cover teach and practice the hands-on practicum skills with all levels of the project. Our students each year participate in Weatherford College STEM day for 4th graders where they teach the hands-on skills we have learned through the program, will give an in-class presentation over a lesson to practice public speaking skills, compete in various skill-a-thons to include Houston Livestock Show and Texas 4-Roundup to name a few, and volunteer in various Veterinary hospitals. As students entered the veterinary clinics, we ask the veterinarian to interview the students as they would if applying for a position in their hospital to assist the student with interviewing skills. To date Wise County has 4 students certified as CVA through TVMA, has won various team and individual skill-a-thon awards, many students currently employee as Vet Techs while still in high school, one student admitted into the Oklahoma State Veterinary School Early Admit Program. We have worked hard to develop a well-rounded program to include life skills, public speaking, hands on experience, job application completion and interviewing, as well as teamwork and over all to have fun while learning!



Due to COVID-19, VSCP will be holding virtual events and activities through online platforms until further notice.

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