

Veterinary Science Certificate Program

Extension Veterinary Medicine



November 2021 - News and Events



VSCP Events

- **2021 Veterinary Science Pathway Alignment November**
 - Provide learning opportunities for Texas high schools participating in a Veterinary Science Program
 - November 16th Houston, <https://agrifiregister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3476>
 - November 17th San Antonio, <https://agrifiregister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3476>
 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - Cost of program \$175.00/day (includes lunch)
 - Registration is open via Conference Services
 - For more information contact Nikki Boutwell at nikki.boutwell@ag.tamu.edu or Larissa Respondek at lrespondek@tvma.org
 - Click [Here](#) for more information and future dates
- **Vet Science In-Person Skills Contest - November**
 - November 13th, check in at 9:00am, contest begins at 9:30am
 - Located at the Keller Center for Advance Learning
 - Open to ALL students interested in veterinary science - you do not have to be a part of 4H or FFA to compete!
 - Perfect to practice vet science skills, prizes and awards will be given to individuals and teams
 - \$12 to register until 11/8, \$17 to register late from 11/9 - 11/13
 - Scantrons and ID sheets will be provided, students will need a clipboard, simple

calculator, and a pencil (new FFA format will be used)

- For more information, contact Tyler Vogel at tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu
- To register, please use the link below:
 - <https://judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=13549>

• **Vet Science Day Camp - November**

- November 19th 9:30am - 4pm Central
- In person for ages 11-13, held at Texas 4-H Conference Center
- Perfect to learn about the Veterinary Science Certificate Program as a whole
- Prepare to enter vet clinics by learning about important vet science skills
- Registration Closed

• **2021 Veterinary Science Pathway Alignment December**

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- December 14th Virtual Program
<https://agriferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3479>
- December 15th El Paso, TX:
<https://agriferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3492>
- December 16th Lubbock, TX
<https://agriferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3477>
- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Cost of program \$175.00/day (includes lunch)
- Registration is open via Qualtrics
- For more information contact Nikki Boutwell at nikki.boutwell@ag.tamu.edu or Larissa Respondek at lrespondek@tvma.org
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• **National FFA Vet Science Contest Update**

- There will be no change to the National FFA Vet Science Contest for 2022. Changes will be implemented for the 2023 National Contest.

• **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Online CDE Vet Science Warm Up**

- 3 day virtual event
- December 7-9, 2021
- Contest will follow new Texas FFA Vet Science Guidelines
- Contest will be 50 Questions, 75 ID, 2 2021 Practicums and math portion
- For more information contact Tyler Vogel at tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu or Nikki Boutwell at nikki.boutwell@ag.tamu.edu
- To register for CDE Contest visit:
<https://judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=13136>

• **Big Changes in Vet Science Independent Study!!**

- Program is more accessible to families and students
- New opportunity to purchase our coursework in sections
- 100% Virtual
- Learn/participate in the course anywhere you would like
- Can go towards your CVA
- More affordable and can start today!
- Click [Here](#) to Purchase

• **Texas CDE Vet Science News**

- **Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training For Vet Assistant by Dr. Faries**
 - Test Questions for Texas FFA Contests will be pulled from this book
 - 2022 Chapters 2,4,6,8
 - Purchase book [Here](#)
- **CDE Manual**
 - Book Contains color pictures of all potential ID including instruments, breeds and organs/parasites
 - Has all rubrics for potential skills
 - Purchase book [Here](#)

Get your VSCP gear for the fall and rock it at upcoming VSCP Events!!

- \$20
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- \$6 Shipping and Handling Fee



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Tune in This Month:

- **Facebook Live:**
 - November 19th 11-13 year old day camp

VSCP Spotlight: Jacob Gordon

Jacob Gordon first heard about the VSCP Program through 4-H and immediately recognized it as something he wanted to do. After buying the book and completing events and lessons during his eighth-grade year, he couldn't get enough of the subject. After his 4-H switched to individual study, he continued working through the book with a small group of friends. As soon as Jacob turned sixteen, he began working at the Katy Veterinary Clinic to acquire his 500 apprenticeship hours. Eventually, Jacob took his CVA exam during his senior year and passed with flying colors! He accredits this success to not only the curriculum, but the direct practice he got from working in the clinic. From here, Jacob knew that he wanted to pursue veterinary medicine as a career.

Although the book work and clinical hours were time consuming, Jacob kept working hard and was able to balance the curriculum in addition to his high school courses. He attributes this success to his strong work ethic and responsibility that he developed over the years. Jacob feels as though the lessons he learned through the Vet Science Certificate Program have certainly prepared him for college and his professional life.

Jacob's favorite part of the curriculum were the farm trips and guest speaker events completed during the group study, although he notes that the hands-on work at the veterinary clinic was another favorite. He particularly enjoyed the clinical application of what he was learning in the curriculum.

If Jacob could give advice to students looking into the curriculum, he would absolutely encourage them to take on the challenge. Although the CVA exam is not an easy feat, with hard work and persistent studying, Jacob definitely agrees that the certification is both achievable and highly beneficial. For those currently working through the program, he suggests taking and keeping good notes from the book, as well as working with a small group of friends to move through the material.

Jacob was recently admitted to the Animal Science program here at Texas A&M University, and he hopes to eventually apply to veterinary school. Congratulations to Jacob on his successes with the curriculum and beyond! The VSCP wishes Jacob great success in his future educational endeavours!

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