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Learn which print and/or web-based materials you need to start your journey to become a veterinary assistant!

Explore the many ways to engage in this educational opportunity:

- curriculum
- books
- continuing education credits
- handouts, quizzes and activities
- teacher-led videos

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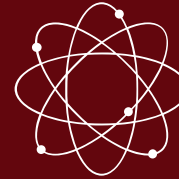
Industry Based Certification

Industry-Based Certification (IBC): Our program meets the requirements for Industry-Based Certification (IBC) in Texas public schools. Students may test for IBC at anytime once they meet the requirements. Students do not have to complete the VSCP curriculum in order to sit for our IBC exam. Teachers & students can use any curriculum as long as they meet the 200 hours requirement.

Completion of the Program:

Students who complete the curriculum (200 hours) and apprenticeship (225 hours) along with competency of the 100 skills from the VSCP skills list are eligible to sit for examination. Students who successfully pass the exam will receive the designation as a Veterinary Assistant(VA).

HOW IT WORKS



- High school students may enroll in sophomore, junior, and/or senior veterinary science courses for 1 to 3 years and receive career and technology or science course credit.
- 4-H students (ages 12-18) may enroll in the county 4-H Veterinary Science Program.
- Students and adults may participate on an individual self-study basis and work at their own pace.
- Graduates of the program earn a certificate with a Veterinary Assistant (VA) title by successfully completing 200 hours of curriculum, 225 hands-on hours in an apprenticeship, and the 100 skills listed on the VSCP skills list.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Veterinary Science Certificate Program (VSCP) provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become a veterinary assistant (VA). VSCP also provides a sound platform for students who wish to pursue an associate, undergraduate, or graduate degree in veterinary science.

VSCP is available for:

- high schools
- 4-H programs
- community colleges
- homeschooled
- private individuals

CHOOSE YOUR CAREER PATH

Students can select from the following paths to guide their program journey:

Clinical: companion, livestock, and exotic animal health, (eligible for VA title)

One Health: animal, human, and environmental health

Laboratory: animal health research and diagnostics

CURRICULUM & APPRENTICESHIP

Curriculum:

Students must complete a total of 200 hours of classroom curriculum. The VSCP curriculum consists of 100 lessons.

Apprenticeship:

Students must complete 225 hours of hands-on clinical hours with a DVM or credentialed technician.

Skills:

Students must show competency of 100 skills from the VSCP skills list for veterinary assistant.