



Virtual Veterinary Academy



About the Program

The Veterinary Science Certificate Program (VSCP) is a nationally recognized program designed for students interested in becoming a veterinary assistant. The program is coordinated through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and provides a sound platform for students interested in pursuing an associate, undergraduate, or graduate degree in the veterinary science field.

The Virtual Learning Experience

Virtual Veterinary Academy is one learning option for students interested in completing the VSCP Course curriculum. This option provides students with a credentialed educator familiar with both the course content and teaching and learning students in an online setting.

This option covers the same curriculum as all other VSCP learning options. The major difference in this academy is interaction with both students and teachers in live time virtual classrooms. This is designed for students that need organizational structure and support.

Benefits to Virtual Veterinary Academy Course

Virtual Veterinary Academy provides a flexible learning environment in a structured schedule that sets students up for success. This learning style is best for younger learners and those students that need more concrete deadlines and feedback. Students in this program are able to move at their own pace while still receiving reminders from their instructor. Additionally this also allows students to ask questions and receive help in real time on a weekly basis during live lessons.

Students who enroll in the virtual course can expect extra assistance, resources and enriched learning experiences from their highly qualified instructor. Our instructors are able to provide support for all types of learners and are eager to ensure that all students are successful through the course.

Course Structure

Students who enroll in this course can expect the following:

- Weekly live class on Monday nights
- Student & Teacher group chat for collaboration amongst peers
- Weekly Assignment deadlines
- Class Syllabus
- Recorded Live Lessons for playback at anytime
- Teacher Feedback on coursework
- Ability to stay on a traditional school schedule
- Be held accountable for learning by a certified teacher
- 4 semester requirement
- Fall or Spring start date
- No classes over winter break or summer
- Semester deadlines
- 2 year completion time
- Students from all 4 time zones

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In their coursework, students must complete a total of 200 curriculum hours.

In their apprenticeship, students must complete 225 hands-on clinical hours and 100 clinical skills to reach the requirement for examination. Students who complete both the curriculum and apprenticeship earn the title of Veterinary Assistant (VA) and receive a certificate from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Requirements for Students to Enroll in Virtual Veterinary Academy

- Register and pay for upcoming cohort by deadline via AgriLife Register
- Have personal computer or laptop to complete coursework
- Have access to reliable wifi
- Be a minimum of 12 years of age and currently enrolled in 7th -12th grade
- Complete enrollment tasks prior to first day of class

COURSE COMPARISON CHART

	VIRTUAL VETERINARY ACADEMY	INDEPENDENT STUDY	PRINT MATERIALS
Price	\$375/semester	\$250/semester	\$95 one time
Start Date	Fall or Spring	Anytime	Anytime
Time to Complete	2 Years	self paced	self paced
Textbook Included	✓	✓	✓
Live Lessons	✓		
Recorded Video Lessons	✓	✓	
Clinical Skills Videos		✓	
Access to teacher in real time	✓		
Weekly Assignments Deadlines	✓		
Group Chat	✓		