



CAREERS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

CHOOSING A CAREER

Most people think of veterinarians as strictly animal doctors. While most veterinarians enter private practice, many graduates choose such diverse professions as public health, research, military service and even space exploration. Veterinarians protect the public health, provide a safe food supply, and participate in the fight against human diseases such as cancer.

If you are a high school student considering a career in veterinary medicine, you should take college preparatory courses emphasizing science and math, without sacrificing studies in the arts and humanities. You should consult a guidance counselor or pre-vet advisor for more specific information about recommended studies.

There are many paths to veterinary medicine and many paths available once you complete your veterinary education. What path you choose is up to you.

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VETERINARY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



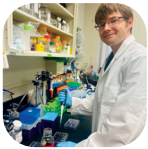
Private Practice: Provide services for companion animals, farm animals or horses.



Specialty Practice: Provide services to special animal groups (zoo, birds, exotics, wildlife) or for specialized animal care (dermatology, ophthalmology, oncology, surgery, cardiology, radiology, internal medicine, behavior).



Teaching: Instruct veterinary post-graduates and technical students.



Research: Conduct research in colleges, private industries, research institutes and government agencies.



Governmental Service: Develop public policy and inspect and quarantine animals and animal products.



Public Health: Safeguard the public from communicable diseases and contaminants.



Military Veterinary Medicine: Protect community health through food safety and quality, care of military animals and biomedical research.



Aerospace Veterinary Medicine: Research and care for animals used in space exploration.



International Health Programs: Provide service to livestock in developing countries, ensuring quality nutrition and health.



Industry: Assist with research and development, production, public relations, sales and management.



Laboratory Animal Medicine: Supervise, manage, breed and provide health care for animals in research.



Diagnostic Veterinary Medicine: Conduct investigative studies of animal diseases through services in toxicology, parasitology, microbiology and pathology.



Related Occupations: Aquatic farmers, wildlife agencies and zoos require veterinary services. Medical writing and illustrating, medical editing, animal facility design and biomedical engineering are also options.

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