

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES

A GUIDE TO PURSUING YOUR CAREER PATH


VETERINARY SCIENCE >>>


Veterinarians treat health problems of pets, livestock, and animals in zoos, racetracks, and laboratories. They are concerned with preventing, controlling, and curing animal diseases as well as researching human and animal health to develop new ways to prevent and cure diseases. Some veterinarians are meat inspectors, and others work in wildlife management.


The American Medical Veterinary Association reports that about 70% of veterinarians work in private medical practices treating small animals. Almost one-fourth of all veterinarians work in "mixed" practices, treating pigs, goats, cattle, and sheep in addition to companion pets. A small number of veterinarians treat large animals (horses or cattle) exclusively.

Veterinarians must obtain a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M. or V.M.D.) from an accredited college of veterinary medicine after completing an undergraduate program. Competition is keen for admission to veterinary school.

HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY CLASSES >>>

 **BASIC AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE** introduces the major areas of scientific agricultural production and research; presents problem solving lessons and introductory skills and knowledge in agricultural science and agri-related technologies. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through supervised agricultural experiences and leadership programs and activities.

 **ANIMAL SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY/BIOTECHNOLOGY** is designed to introduce students to the scientific principles that underlie the breeding and husbandry of agricultural animals, and the production, processing, and distribution of agricultural animal products. This course introduces scientific principles applied to the animal industry; covers reproduction, production technology, processing, and distribution of agricultural animal products. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through supervised agricultural experiences and leadership programs and activities. **This course meets the 4th science requirement and is recognized by the board of regents as such.**

 **VETERINARY SCIENCE** provides a foundation for students interested in pursuing a degree in agribusiness through post-secondary study or to enter the industry upon graduation from high school. The student will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and practices of agribusiness management and leadership. The course will help students build a strong knowledge base of the agribusiness industry as they study agribusiness types, business management, financial analysis, communications, agricultural law, leadership and teamwork, ethics, and agricultural economics.



CAPSTONE: WBL INTERNSHIP >>>

WBL (WORK-BASED LEARNING) connects skilled, knowledgeable and driven students to local businesses every year. Students who participate in the AG, Food and Natural Resources program and have been selected to participate in WBL will leave school early to work with our fantastic business partners. Benefits to students include a chance to put skills learned in the classroom to use in an authentic setting, getting a competitive advantage on their career and networking with industry leading professionals all while still in high school. www.hallcowbl.org



CAREER TECH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS >>>

FFA: Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.



POTENTIAL CAREERS >>>

- Animal Scientist
- Veterinarian
- Veterinarian Technician
- Lab Animal Caretaker
- Zoologist
- Wildlife Biologist
- Embryo Technologist
- Poultry Manager
- Animal Control Worker
- Farm & Ranch Managers
- Soil & Plant Scientist
- Biologist
- Animal Trainers
- Biological Technician
- Artificial Insemination Technician

VETERINARY SCIENCE

CAREER PATHWAY - PLAN OF STUDY



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS >>>

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

4 Units *Must Include:*

9th Grade Literature & American Literature

SOCIAL STUDIES

3 Units *Must Include:*

World History, US History, Government & Economics

MATHEMATICS

4 Units *Must Include:*

GSE Algebra I, GSE Geometry & GSE Algebra II

+

one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

OR

GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Analytic Geometry A,

GSE Accelerated Geometry B/Algebra II, GSE Precalculus

+

one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

SCIENCE

4 Units *Must Include:*

Physical Science or Physics; Biology;

Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or AP/IB course

+

one additional Science course

HEALTH & PERSONAL FITNESS

1 Unit *Must Include:*

1/2 unit of each

CAREER, TECHNICAL & AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (CTAE)

3 Units *Must include:*

Basic AG Science, Animal Science Tech/Biotech,
Veterinary Science

ELECTIVES

4 Units

*Students planning to attend most post-secondary institutions must take 2 units of the same modern language.

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED

23 Units

PERSONAL APTITUDES >>>

ACTIVITIES THAT DESCRIBE WHAT I LIKE TO DO:

- Learn how things grow and stay alive.
- Make the best use of the Earth's natural resources.
- Hunt and or fish.
- Protect the environment.
- Be outdoors in all weather.
- Operate & maintain equipment & machinery.



PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT DESCRIBE ME:

- Self-reliant
- Nature lover
- Physically active
- Planner
- Creative problem solver

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON YOU?

YouScience is the science of YOU – how your mind is wired, what makes you tick, the skills and knowledge that set you apart. You have talent and there's a path that's right for you – we can help you find it.



Login to Infinite Campus and locate the SLDS Portal link on the left. Once logged in, click on "My Career Plan" then choose "Go to YouScience".

WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS

You're learning skills and knowledge that can make you a qualified candidate for in-demand careers. Industry-recognized certifications, available to all pathway students, are great signals to employers that you have the skills they're looking for. Certifications help validate what you know, so other people know, that you know it.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your CTAE teacher, WBL Coordinator or School Counselor

PATHWAY TO FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS >>>

HIGH SCHOOL

Pathway Courses

Basic AG Science
Animal Science Tech/Biotech
Veterinary Science

Capstone

WBL Internship
Dual Enrollment

POST-SECONDARY

Technical College

Certificate
Diploma Program
Degree Program

4 Year College/University

Bachelor Degree
Masters Degree
Graduate Studies