

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Cluster



Focused on the production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources.

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Veterinarians

If you've ever pulled a thorn from a dog's paw, you know the satisfaction that comes from making an animal feel better. As a veterinary student, you'll learn about more than the health problems of animals. You'll also learn how to diagnose patients who can't explain their own symptoms. People skills are a must; for every animal a vet treats, there's a human standing by.

If you are a people person and love animals, a career as a **veterinarian** may be for you.

Veterinarians prevent, diagnose and treat illness in small animals (such as cats and dogs) large animals (such as horses and cows), or both. They may also research diseases and their cures.

Are You Ready To...?

- Advise an owner on how to help his overweight dog slim down
- Risk getting bitten, scratched or kicked by an upset animal
- Handle an emergency surgery at 6 pm on a Friday
- Work out payment plans for owners who can't afford treatment

It Helps To Be...

Patient, compassionate, perceptive and able to communicate with a wide variety of people

A Day In The Life...

- Examine animals to detect and determine the nature of diseases or injuries
- Treat sick or injured animals by prescribing medication, setting bones, dressing wounds or performing surgery
- Advise animal owners regarding sanitary measures, feeding, general care, medical conditions or treatment options
- Plan or execute animal nutrition or reproduction programs

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$50.23

*That comes out to more than
\$104,487 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
506 Veterinarians.
By 2026, we'll need 590.**

Could you be one of the 84?

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Veterinarians

After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for veterinarians with a **bachelor's degree plus four years of vet school**. Many graduates also opt for a **one-year internship** and a **three- to four-year residency** in a specialty.



Top 5 Industries for Veterinarians

1. Veterinary Offices
2. Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
3. Federal Government
4. Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools
5. State Government

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<http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx>.

Related College Majors

- Animal Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Marine Biology
- Zoology

Related Industry Certifications

- American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR)
- Board Certification in Veterinary Toxicology (VT)
- Certification in Veterinary Dentistry
- Veterinary Radiology (DVR)

Related Careers

- Medical Scientists
- Biological Scientists
- Veterinary Technologists and Technicians
- Wildlife Technicians
- Curators

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