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VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Requirements

1. Discuss with your counselor the roles a veterinarian plays in the following:
   a. Companion or small animal medicine, and equine medicine
   b. Food animal or large animal medicine
   c. Exotic animal medicine
   d. Marine animal medicine (mammal and fish)
   e. Poultry medicine
   f. Wildlife medicine and aquaculture medicine

2. Discuss with your counselor the roles a veterinarian plays in the following:
   a. Public health medicine and zoonotic disease surveillance and control
   b. The military
   c. Food safety and inspection
   d. Laboratory animal medicine and research
   e. Teaching and government

3. Describe the training required to become a veterinarian. Where is the veterinary medical college nearest you? Describe the prerequisites for applying to veterinary school.
4. Tell your counselor what a registered veterinary technician (R.V.T.) or animal health technician (A.H.T.) is. Describe the training required to become an R.V.T. or A.H.T. Where is the school or facility for R.V.T. or A.H.T. training nearest you? Describe the role an R.V.T. or A.H.T. would play in assisting a veterinarian working in three of the practice types listed in requirement 1.

5. Discuss with your merit badge counselor the role a veterinarian plays in the human-animal bond.

6. Do ONE of the following:
   a. Visit a veterinary clinic, hospital, or veterinary referral teaching hospital that does work in one of the practices listed in requirement 1. Spend as much time as you can observing the veterinarians and their staff. Write a report on what you observed and learned at the facility. Share your report with your counselor.
   b. Spend as much time as possible with a veterinarian who works in one of the fields listed in requirement 2. Learn what special training beyond veterinary medical school may have been required for that position. Learn about any special or unusual activities required of this position. Write a report on what you have learned about this field of veterinary medicine. Include in your report how this field serves the needs of the general public. Share your report with your counselor.
Veterinary Medicine Resources

Scouting Literature

Visit the Boy Scouts of America’s official retail website at http://www.scoutstuff.org for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, et al. *Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements in the United States and Canada*. Purdue University Press, 2015.


Organizations and Websites

**American Animal Hospital Association**
12575 West Bayaud Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80228-2012
Toll-free telephone: 800-252-2242
Website: http://www(aaaha.org

**American Association of Bovine Practitioners**
P.O. Box 3610
Auburn, AL 36831-3610
Telephone: 334-821-0442
Website: http://www.aabp.org
Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
339 Booth St.
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1R 7K1
Telephone: 613-236-1162
Website: http://www.canadianveterinarians.net

Veterinary Medical Schools and Colleges in the United States and Canada

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Auburn University
College of Veterinary Medicine
Auburn, Alabama
Website: http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu

Tuskegee University
School of Veterinary Medicine
Tuskegee, Alabama
Website: http://tuskegee.edu

Midwestern University
College of Veterinary Medicine
Glendale, Arizona
Website: http://www.midwestern.edu

University of California
School of Veterinary Medicine
Davis, California
Website: http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu

Western University of Health Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine
Pomona, California
Website: http://www.westernu.edu/veterinary
Colorado State University  
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Fort Collins, Colorado  
Website: http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu

University of Florida  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Gainesville, Florida  
Website: http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu

University of Georgia  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Athens, Georgia  
Website: http://www.vet.uga.edu

University of Illinois  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Urbana, Illinois  
Website: http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu

Purdue University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
West Lafayette, Indiana  
Website: http://www.vet.purdue.edu

Iowa State University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Ames, Iowa  
Website: http://www.vetmed.iastate.edu

Kansas State University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Manhattan, Kansas  
Website: http://www.vet.k-state.edu

Louisiana State University  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Website: http://www.lsu.edu/vetmed/

Tufts University  
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine  
North Grafton, Massachusetts  
Website: http://www.tufts.edu/vet

Michigan State University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
East Lansing, Michigan  
Website: http://cvm.msu.edu

University of Minnesota  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
Website: http://www.cvm.umn.edu

Mississippi State University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Mississippi State, Mississippi  
Website: http://www.cvm.msstate.edu

University of Missouri  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Columbia, Missouri  
Website: http://www.cvm.missouri.edu

Cornell University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Ithaca, New York  
Website: http://www.vet.cornell.edu

North Carolina State University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
Website: http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu

The Ohio State University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Columbus, Ohio  
Website: http://www.vet.osu.edu
Oklahoma State University
College of Veterinary Medicine
Stillwater, Oklahoma
Website: http://www.cvm.okstate.edu

Oregon State University
College of Veterinary Medicine
Corvallis, Oregon
Website: http://vetmed.oregonstate.edu

University of Pennsylvania
School of Veterinary Medicine
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Website: http://www.vet.upenn.edu

University of Tennessee
College of Veterinary Medicine
Knoxville, Tennessee
Website: http://www.vet.utk.edu

Lincoln Memorial University
College of Veterinary Medicine
Harrogate, Tennessee
Website: http://vetmed.lmunet.edu

Texas A&M University
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
College Station, Texas
Website: http://vetmed.tamu.edu

Virginia Tech and University of Maryland Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
Blacksburg, Virginia
Website: http://www.vetmed.vt.edu

Washington State University
College of Veterinary Medicine
Pullman, Washington
Website: http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu

University of Wisconsin-Madison
School of Veterinary Medicine
Madison, Wisconsin
Website: http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu

University of Calgary
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Website: www.vet.ucalgary.ca

University of Guelph
Ontario Veterinary College
Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Website: www.ovc.uoguelph.ca

University of Prince Edward Island
Atlantic Veterinary College
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada
Website: www.upei.ca/avc/

University of Montreal
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada
Website: www.medvet.umontreal.ca

University of Saskatchewan
Western College of Veterinary Medicine
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Website: www.usask.ca/wcvm

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