



How the Program Works

- 4-H students (ages 14-18) enroll in the county 4-H Veterinary Science Certificate Program and complete the program in 3 to 5 years.
- Students complete the curriculum and apprenticeship in their chosen career track.
 - Students who complete both curriculum and apprenticeship receive Veterinary Assistant (VA) classification in their chosen career track.
- Graduates of this program are eligible for certification through the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) by examination.

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The preparatory training for the veterinary assistant provides students with the knowledge, motivation, and skills necessary to pursue their educational and career goals. This program provides a sound platform for students who wish to pursue an associate, undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree in the veterinary science field. Open to students at participating high schools, 4-H programs, and as an independent self-study program.

The Veterinary Science Curriculum is available through the Texas A&M University System in collaboration with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Institute for Infectious Animal Diseases (IIAD), a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology Center of Excellence.

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