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Orientation Program and Schedule

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After completion of Initial Accreditation Training, applicants for accreditation must attend an Orientation Program. Upon completion of the Orientation Program, application for accreditation must be completed within 3 years.

[Learn About Initial Accreditation Training](#)

Elements of the Orientation Program

The elements of the Orientation Program are:

- A. Federal animal health laws, regulations, and rules;
- B. Interstate movement of animals;
- C. Import and export requirements for animals;
- D. USDA animal disease eradication and control programs;
- E. Laboratory support in confirming disease diagnoses;
- F. Ethical and professional responsibilities of an accredited veterinarian;
- G. Foreign animal disease awareness;
- H. Animal health emergency management; and
- I. Animal health procedures, issues, and information resources relevant to the State in which the veterinarian wishes to perform accredited duties.

The Orientation Program may be taken during veterinary medical school or during a session scheduled by the NVAP Coordinator.

Orientation Program Schedule

You must contact the NVAP Coordinator to register and confirm. For contact information, see contacts listed below or use the dropdown menu at the bottom of this page.

This listing may not reflect all Orientation Programs for all States. If you do not see a date to your liking, we recommend you contact the NVAP Coordinator directly for up-to-date information.

Thursday 6 August

NY/New England (Virtual)

Date

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Time

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM EDT

Details

(only open to Veterinarians who are applying for NY, CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT, NJ accreditation) Opening enrollment **Starting** June 1st through July 22nd. **Firm Cutoff date July 22nd 2026**

[To register contact: Jennifer.Parker2@usda.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Parker2@usda.gov)

Wednesday 19 August

TX Core Orientation - Virtual (only for veterinarians who are applying for Texas accreditation)

Date

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Time

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM MDT

Details

Cutoff date for enrollment is August 1, 2026

[To register contact: d4txnvap@usda.gov](mailto:d4txnvap@usda.gov)

Wednesday 7 October

NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab, New Jersey

Date

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Time

8:00 AM to 3:30 PM EDT

Details

(only open to Veterinarians who are applying for New Jersey and New York accreditation) Cutoff date for enrollment is September 25, 2026.

[To register contact Cordelia Strickland](#)

IL Fall Virtual CORE Orientation

- Date: TBT
- Time: TBT
- Location: Teams (Virtual)
- Notes: Dates will be announced in the near future. **Open to ALL students and veterinarians in ALL states.**

[Please email ILVS@USDA.gov to register.](mailto:ILVS@USDA.gov) More info to come.

Contact Us

NVAP Coordinators

NVAP coordinators are available to assist you with obtaining, maintaining, and updating your accreditation. As an accredited veterinarian, you must notify APHIS when your home or business contact information changes, one of your veterinary licenses expires or otherwise lapses, or you need to become authorized to perform accredited duties in an additional State.

Contact your NVAP coordinator for help with these needs or anything else related to your accreditation.

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