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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.

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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.

Date	State	Location and Time	Contact	Notes
April 10, 2024	Colorado	In-Person: Colorado State University 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	debbie.a.escobedo@usda.gov	
April 11, 2024	Pennsylvania	Virtual 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	bridget.k.urrutia@usda.gov	Pennsylvania veterinarians only
April 16, 2024	New York	Virtual 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	jennifer.parker2@usda.gov	Only open to veterinarians who are applying for New York accreditation. Cutoff date for enrollment is April 4, 2024.

Date	State	Location and Time	Contact	Notes
May 8, 2024	Texas	Virtual 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	d4txnvap@usda.gov	Only open to veterinarians who are applying for Texas accreditation. Cutoff date for enrollment is May 1, 2024.
June 5, 2024	New Jersey	In-Person: NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	cordelia.b.strickland@usda.gov	Only open to veterinarians who are applying for New Jersey and New York accreditation. Cutoff date for enrollment is May 24, 2024.
June 12, 2024	Pennsylvania	Virtual 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	bridget.k.urrutia@usda.gov	Pennsylvania veterinarians only
September 12, 2024	Pennsylvania	Virtual 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	bridget.k.urrutia@usda.gov	Pennsylvania veterinarians only

Date	State	Location and Time	Contact	Notes
October 23, 2024	New Jersey	In-Person: NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	cordelia.b.strickland@usda.gov	Only open to veterinarians who are applying for New Jersey and New York accreditation. Cutoff date for enrollment is October 11, 2024.
November 11, 2024	Pennsylvania	Virtual 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	bridget.k.urrutia@usda.gov	Pennsylvania veterinarians only

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NVAP Coordinators

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