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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
January 9, 2026	North Carolina	North Carolina State University; in-person only 8am-12 pm Virtual (only for veterinarians who are applying for Texas accreditation) 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	<a href="mailto:John.Raines@usda.gov">John.Raines@usda.gov</a>	The cutoff date for enrollment is December 31, 2025.
January 14, 2026	Texas		<a href="mailto:d4txnvap@usda.gov">d4txnvap@usda.gov</a>	Cutoff date for enrollment is January 2, 2026.

Date	State	Location and Time	Contact	Notes
February 18, 2026	New Jersey	NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab 8:00am - 3:30pm	<a href="mailto:Cordelia.B.Strickland@usda.gov">Cordelia.B.Strickland@usda.gov</a>	(only open to Veterinarians who are applying for New Jersey and New York accreditation) Cutoff date for enrollment is February 6, 2026.  Open to all. This is a in person Orientation. Cutoff date for enrollment is TBD. Please contact Meagan Roth at <a href="mailto:vsil@usda.gov">vsil@usda.gov</a> to register.
May, 2026. Exact date is TBD.	Illinois	University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Time is TBD	<a href="mailto:vsil@usda.gov">vsil@usda.gov</a>	
June 17, 2026	New Jersey	NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab 8:00am - 3:30pm	<a href="mailto:Cordelia.B.Strickland@usda.gov">Cordelia.B.Strickland@usda.gov</a>	(only open to Veterinarians who are applying for New Jersey and New York accreditation) Cutoff date for enrollment is June5, 2026.
October 7 , 2026	New Jersey	NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab 8:00am - 3:30pm	<a href="mailto:Cordelia.B.Strickland@usda.gov">Cordelia.B.Strickland@usda.gov</a>	(only open to Veterinarians who are applying for New Jersey and New York accreditation) Cutoff date for enrollment is September 25, 2026.

## 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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