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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.

Wednesday 18 February

NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab, New Jersey

Date

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Time

8:00 AM to 3:30 PM EST

Details

(only open to Veterinarians who are applying for New Jersey and New York accreditation) Cutoff date for enrollment is February 6, 2026.

[To register contact Cordelia Strickland](#)

Thursday 19 March

Virtual Orientation, NY/NJ/New England

Date

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Time

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM EDT

Details

(only open to Veterinarians who are applying for New York, New England, and NJ accreditation) Cutoff date for enrollment is 03/13/2026

[To register contact Jennifer Parker](#)

Friday 1 May

University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Illinois

Date

Friday, May 1, 2026

Time

12:00 AM to 12:01 AM EDT

Details

**Exact date is TBD.**

Open to all. This is a in person Orientation. Cutoff date for enrollment is TBD.

[To register contact Meagan Roth](#)

Wednesday 17 June

NJDAH, Public Health & Agriculture Lab, New Jersey

Date

Wednesday, June 17, 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 June 5, 2026.

[To register contact Cordelia Strickland](#)

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](#)

## 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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