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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
May 7, 2025	Texas	Virtual (only for veterinarians who are applying for Texas accreditation) 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	d4txnvap@usda.gov	Cutoff date for enrollment is April 25, 2025.
May 12, 2025	Illinois	University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine 1:00–5:00 p.m. Central Time	suzett.hexum@usda.gov jennifer.gravley@usda.gov	This is an in-person orientation, open to all. Cutoff date for enrollment is May 8, 2025. To register, send IAT certificates to suzett.hexum@usda.gov and jennifer.gravley@usda.gov.

Date	State	Location and Time	Contact	Notes
June 18, 2025	New Jersey	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 June 11, 2025.
September 3, 2025	Iowa	Iowa State University; in-person only 5:30–7:30 pm	lisa.m.roling@usda.gov	Contact Lisa Roling at lisa.m.roling@usda.gov or 515-323-2110 by August 29, 2025.
October 15, 2025	New Jersey	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 8, 2025.
Oct 22, 2025	Texas	Virtual (only for veterinarians who are applying for Texas accreditation) 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	d4txnvap@usda.gov	Cutoff date for enrollment is Oct 10, 2025.

Date	State	Location and Time	Contact	Notes
January 14, 2026	Texas	Virtual (only for veterinarians who are applying for Texas accreditation) 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	d4txnvap@usda.gov	Cutoff date for enrollment is January 2, 2026.

Contact Us

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NVAP Coordinators

NVAP coordinators are available to assist you with obtaining, maintaining, and updating your accreditation. As an accredited veterinarian, it is your duty to 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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All Contacts

Export requirements frequently change. Obtain current export requirements for live animals or animal products before each shipment.

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