

USDA National Veterinary Accreditation Program

The mission of the National Veterinary Accreditation Program is to provide accredited veterinarians with the information they need to ensure the health of the nation's livestock and animal population and to protect the public health and well-being. Information about the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) can be found on the NVAP website listed below including application and renewal instructions as well as contact information for NVAP specialists for your state. Required supplemental training for accreditation renewal can also be completed through the website.

National Veterinary Accreditation Program Website

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap>

Module 8: International Movement of Horses

Link: <http://aast.cfsph.iastate.edu/EHP/index.htm>

This module illustrates the scope of international horse travel and the economic factors associated with its growth, including examples of disease outbreaks that have occurred throughout the world. Proper completion of health certificates for temporary or permanent movement is included. An interactive scenario that demonstrates the process for permanently exporting a horse internationally is presented. Emphasis is placed on the role of the accredited veterinarian, isolation procedures, the required laboratory tests, and accurately completing an international health certificate.

Module 9: Interstate and International Health Certificates for Category 1 Animals

Link: <http://aast.cfsph.iastate.edu/IIHCCA/index.htm>

This module highlights the importance of health certificates for traveling pets and discusses the potential for disease spread associated with travel. The planning steps and regulation resources for properly completing a companion animal health certificate are presented through a variety of interactive animations and a scenario. Since errors can lead to travel delays or entry refusals, mistakes commonly made when completing health certificates are highlighted to help minimize these problems in real-life situations.

Module 10: Personal Protective Equipment for Veterinarians

Link: <http://aast.cfsph.iastate.edu/PPE/index.htm>

This module introduces the various items of personal protective equipment (PPE) from basic items such as gloves and coveralls, to expanded precautions like respirators and chemical resistant outerwear. Situations veterinarians might encounter in practice are presented and they will need to select the best PPE to prevent disease or chemical exposure. Finally, this module discusses the PPE used in response to an animal health emergency.

Module 17: National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

Link: <http://aast.cfsph.iastate.edu/NPIP/index.htm>

This module begins by describing the purpose and scope of the NPIP and defines the different flock and state classification levels available in the NPIP. Given the different regulations between egg-laying birds and meat-type birds, this module will help accredited veterinarians identify the portions of NPIP that are the most relevant to them for further exploration. Additional resources (e.g. State Agencies, participating laboratories) relative to the NPIP program are also included.

Module 23: Use of Antibiotics in Animals

Link: <http://aast.cfsph.iastate.edu/ABX/index.htm>

This module reviews the terms and concepts necessary for veterinarians to make informed decisions for the proper selection and judicious use of antibiotics in animals. The various benefits and limitations of antibiotic susceptibility testing options and how to correctly interpret a drug label are presented. A review of the many agencies involved in antibiotic regulation and antibiotic resistance and residue monitoring is provided as well as a review of the key components of the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA) and extra-label use of drugs. Numerous resources to assist in making informed decisions on antibiotic use in animals are also included.

Module 29: Veterinary Feed Directive

Link: <http://aast.cfsph.iastate.edu/VFD/index.htm>

This module provides an overview of the veterinary feed directive. The module begins with an introduction to antimicrobial resistance and the need for veterinary supervision of medicated feed, FDA regulatory oversight, and development of new animal drugs to be delivered in feed. The second half of the module describes what must be included in a veterinary feed directive and illustrates how to complete a VFD. Resources for additional information are provided throughout the module.