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VETERINARY GUIDE

The University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in Madison provides outstanding programs in veterinary medical education, research, clinical practice, and service that enhance the health and welfare of both animals and people and contribute to the economic well-being of the state of Wisconsin. Faculty and staff in the school's four academic departments train students in a four-year program leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree. The school also provides graduate research training in core areas of animal and human health through its Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program. Learn more about our mission and vision (<https://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/about/strategic-plan/>).

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VETERINARY MEDICINE, DVM

The School of Veterinary Medicine offers a four-year professional degree program leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. The goal of the professional curriculum is to provide each graduate with a broad veterinary medical education and the skills necessary for the profession. The DVM degree offers graduates professional career opportunities within private practice, academics, research, industry, the armed forces, government services, and others.

Visit the School of Veterinary Medicine website (<https://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/education/dvm/>) for more information about the program and our mission.

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE NATIONAL AND WISCONSIN STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

As an American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education (AVMA COE) accredited program, the UW-Madison Doctor of Veterinary

Medicine (DVM) program meets national and state licensure education requirements.

State veterinary licenses are issued by the veterinary regulatory board or licensure entity within each state. Each state determines its specific prerequisites for licensure eligibility and requirements for licensure. Contact individual state licensing agencies (<https://www.avma.org/advocacy/state-and-local-advocacy/veterinary-state-board-websites/>) for licensure details.

All fourth-year students in the DVM program at UW-Madison are eligible to take the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination® (NAVLE®). The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) requires that veterinary students must have an expected graduation date no later than 10 months from the last date of the applicable NAVLE testing window. Some state licensing boards have other requirements. For complete information regarding the NAVLE, including testing dates, visit ICVA website (<https://www.icva.net/>).

For complete information on Wisconsin state licensing requirements for individuals seeking licensure to practice veterinary medicine by examination/endorsement, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection-Veterinary Medicine License Application Page (https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/VEBNewVet.aspx).

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE DISCLOSURE (NC-SARA)

The United States Department of Education (via 34 CFR Part 668 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-VI/part-668/?toc=1>)) requires institutions that provide distance education to disclose information for programs leading to professional certification or licensure. The expectation is that institutions will determine whether each applicable academic program meets state professional licensure requirements and provide a general disclosure of such on an official university website.

Professional licensure requirements vary from state-to-state and can change year-to-year; they are established in a variety of state statutes, regulations, rules, and policies; and they center on a range of educational requirements, including degree type, specialized accreditation, total credits, specific courses, and examinations.

UW-Madison has taken reasonable efforts to determine whether this program satisfies the educational requirements for certification/licensure in states where prospective and enrolled students are located and is disclosing that information as follows.

Disclaimer: This information is based on the most recent annual review of state agency certification/licensure data and is subject to change. All students are strongly encouraged to consult with the individual/office listed in the Contact Information box on this page and with the applicable state agency for specific information.

The requirements of this program meet certification/licensure requirements in the following states:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, District of Columbia

The requirements of this program do not meet certification/licensure requirements in the following states:

Not applicable

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American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education (<https://www.avma.org/about/councils-committees-task-forces-and-trusts/council-education/>)

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