

# VETERINARY MEDICINE

Veterinarians care for the health of animals and work to improve their quality of life. They diagnose, treat, and research medical conditions and diseases of pets, livestock, and other animals. Veterinarians work in:

-  private clinics
-  hospitals
-  farms
-  laboratories
-  classrooms
-  government



## How do you become a VETERINARIAN?

Veterinarians must have a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from an accredited veterinary college, as well as a state license. Most veterinarians earn a bachelor's degree in biology, zoology, or other life science before pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

According to Forbes, veterinarians are ranked number 16 among the Most Meaningful Well Paid Jobs

## Earn credit towards an associate's degree in VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

- Murray State College Center | Tishomingo
- Oklahoma State University | Oklahoma City
- Tulsa Community College | Tulsa



## EDUCATION



STILLWATER, OK  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

## SIMILAR OCCUPATIONS

### VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST:

Veterinary technologists and technicians perform medical tests under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian to assist in diagnosing the injuries and illnesses of animals. Technologists usually need a 4-year bachelor's degree, and technicians need a 2-year associate's degree.

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### ZOOLOGIST AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST:

Zoologists and wildlife biologists study animals and how they interact with their ecosystems. They study animal characteristics and behaviors and the human impact on natural habitats. These positions typically require at least a bachelor's degree. Many schools offer programs in zoology and wildlife biology or in a related field, such as ecology.

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### MICROBIOLOGIST:

Microbiologists study microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, algae, fungi, and some types of parasites. They try to understand how these organisms live, grow, and interact with their environments.



HIGHEST 10 PERCENT  
EARNED MORE THAN

**\$159,320**



NATIONAL MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE FOR  
VETERINARIANS IN MAY 2017

**\$90,420**



LOWEST 10 PERCENT  
EARNED LESS THAN

**\$53,980**

In May 2017, the median annual wages for veterinarians in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

SOCIAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS - **\$90,610**

VETERINARY SERVICES - **\$88,750**

STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE  
EDUCATION SERVICES - **\$88,000**

GOVERNMENT - **\$86,860**

Occupational Outlook Handbook, <https://bit.ly/2kpa857>

OK College Start, <https://bit.ly/1V8bdbo>

OK Career Guide, <https://bit.ly/1KCaxFy>

Forbes.com, <https://bit.ly/2yfrOG3>

Oklahoma Critical Occupations list, <http://bit.ly/2Clqfh4>



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