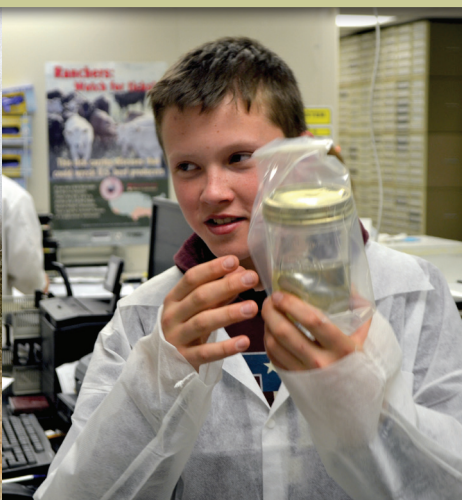




# VETERINARY SCIENCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

BECOME A VETERINARY ASSISTANT

CLINICAL • ONE HEALTH • LABORATORY



## The Veterinary Science Certificate Program

The Veterinary Science Certificate Program (VSCP) provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become a veterinary assistant (VA). The VSCP also provides a sound platform for students who wish to pursue an associate, undergraduate, or graduate degree in veterinary science. The program is available to high schools, 4-H programs, community colleges, homeschools, and to private individuals.

### How the Program Works

- High school students may enroll in sophomore, junior, and/or senior veterinary science courses for 1 to 3 years and receive career and technology or science course credit.
- 4-H students (ages 12-18) may enroll in the county 4-H Veterinary Science Program.
- Students and adults may participate on an individual self-study basis and work at their own pace.
- Graduates of the program earn a certificate with the Veterinary Assistant (VA) title by successfully completing the curriculum (100 lessons) and 500 hands-on hours in an apprenticeship.

### Students Choose One of the Following Career Tracks

1. Clinical: companion, livestock, and exotic animal health
2. One Health: animal, human, and environmental health
3. Laboratory: animal health research and diagnostics

### Curriculum & Apprenticeship

Curriculum: Students must complete a total of 100 lessons (75 core lessons and 25 lessons in their chosen career track).

1. Students following the clinical track need a copy of *Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant (VS:PTVA)*.
2. Students following the One Health track need a copy of *VS:PTVA* (above) and the *One Health Science & Technology* supplement.
3. Students following the laboratory track need a copy of *VS:PTVA* (above) and the *Laboratory Science & Technology* supplement.

Apprenticeship: Students must complete 500 hands-on skill hours in an apprenticeship in their chosen career track.

## Veterinary Science Certificate Program

### Curriculum (100 lessons)

- 75 Core Lessons
- 25 Clinical Lessons
- 25 One Health Lessons
- 25 Laboratory Lessons

### Apprenticeship (500 skill hours)

- Skill hours supervised by:
- Clinical DVM/LVT
  - One Health professional
  - Laboratory professional

Title of Veterinary Assistant (VA - clinical, One Health, or Laboratory)

TVMA Certification (Examination - clinical track only)

### Completion of Program Certificate

Students who complete both the curriculum (100 lessons) and apprenticeship (500 hours) receive a certificate with the Veterinary Assistant (VA) title.

### TVMA Certification (Exam: \$135) - Clinical Track Only

Students who complete the clinical track are eligible for certification through the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) through examination. Students who pass the TVMA exam earn the certified veterinary assistant (CVA) title. Additional information may be found on the TVMA website: [www.tvma.org](http://www.tvma.org)



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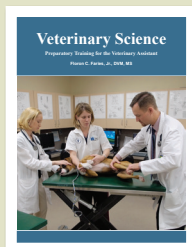
**Clinical Track**

**Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant (VS:PTVA)**

Floron C. Faries Jr., DVM, MS

*(75 core lessons and 25 lessons in clinical science)*

- 436 pages (full color)
- Wire bound
- Retail: \$85.00 / Catalog No.: VM-001
- Wholesale: \$72.25 / Catalog No.: VM-001W



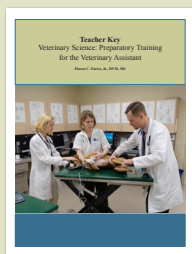
**Clinical Track**

**Teacher Key - Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant**

Floron C. Faries Jr., DVM, MS

*(Answers to lesson questions)*

- 48 pages (black & white)
- Spiral bound
- Price: \$12.50 / Catalog No.: VM-002



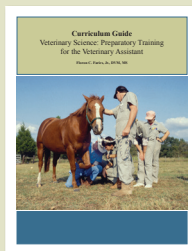
**Clinical Track**

**Curriculum Guide - Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant**

Floron C. Faries Jr., DVM, MS

*(Goals and objectives)*

- 38 pages (black & white)
- Spiral bound
- Price: \$12.50 / Catalog No.: VM-003



**One Health Track**

**One Health Science & Technology**

Heather L. Simmons, DVM, MSVPH

*(25 supplemental lessons in One Health science)*

- 164 pages (full color)
- Spiral bound
- Retail: \$75.00 / Catalog No.: VM-006
- Wholesale: \$63.75 / Catalog No.: VM-006W



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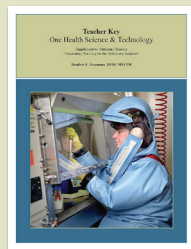
**One Health Track**

**Teacher Key: One Health Science & Technology**

Heather L. Simmons, DVM, MSVPH

*(Answers to lesson questions)*

- 40 pages (black & white)
- Spiral bound
- Price: \$12.50 / Catalog No.: VM-007



**Laboratory Track**

**Laboratory Science & Technology**

Heather L. Simmons, DVM, MSVPH

*(25 supplemental lessons in laboratory science)*

- 184 pages (full color)
- Spiral bound
- Retail: \$75.00 / Catalog No.: VM-010
- Wholesale: \$63.75 / Catalog No.: VM-010W



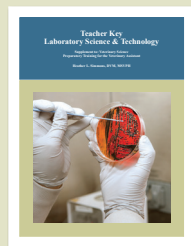
**Laboratory Track**

**Teacher Key: Laboratory Science & Technology**

Heather L. Simmons, DVM, MSVPH

*(Answers to lesson questions)*

- 34 pages (black & white)
- Spiral bound
- Price: \$12.50 / Catalog No.: VM-011



**Career Development Events**

**Veterinary Science CDE Handbook**

Joe W. Mask, PhD

*(Prepares students for veterinary science CDEs, contests, and Skillathons)*

- 198 pages (full color)
- Spiral bound
- Retail: \$55.00 / Catalog No.: VM-023



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**WEB-BASED MATERIALS**  
**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION CONFERENCE SERVICES**  
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**Veterinary Science Teacher Resources** – price based on enrollment (1-10 students \$80); (11-30 students \$100); (31-60 students \$120); (61-100 students \$145); (over 100 students \$170)

Intended for use with printed book (lessons not included)

- 100 teacher-led videos, 100 PPT slide sets, PPT note sheets
- Lesson question and activity handouts, clinical skill videos
- Teacher key and curriculum guide
- Grade and apprenticeship log sheets

**Veterinary Science Teacher-Assisted Curriculum** – \$1,100

For teachers to assist classroom instruction (lessons included)

- 100 lesson modules, 100 teacher-led videos, PPT note sheets
- Automated quizzes and activities submitted online
- Grade and tracking system

**Veterinary Science Independent-Study Curriculum** – \$2,000

Student completes curriculum online. Administered by IIAD.

**One Health Teacher Resources** – \$75

Intended for use with printed book (lessons not included)

- 25 teacher-led videos, 25 PPT slide sets, PPT note sheets
- Lesson question and activity handouts, clinical skill videos
- Teacher key and curriculum guide
- Grade and apprenticeship log sheets

**One Health Teacher-Assisted Curriculum** – \$275

For teachers to assist classroom instruction (lessons included)

- 25 lesson modules, 25 teacher-led videos, PPT note sheets
- Automated quizzes and activities submitted online
- Grade and tracking system

**One Health Independent-Study Curriculum** – \$500

Student completes curriculum online. Administered by IIAD.



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- Teacher key and curriculum guide
- Grade and apprenticeship log sheets

**Laboratory Science Teacher-Assisted Curriculum – \$275**

For teachers to assist student instruction (lessons included)

- 25 lesson modules, 25 teacher-led videos PPT note sheets
- Automated quizzes and activities submitted online
- Grade and tracking system

**Laboratory Science Independent-Study Curriculum – \$500**

Student completes curriculum online. Administered by IIAD.

**Veterinary Science Continuing Education (CE) – \$50 per/hr**

For the Certified Veterinary Assistant to obtain CE credit.

***Purchasing the Web-Based Curriculum (2-step process)***

**Step 1:**

- Go to agriliferegister.tamu.edu and type iiad into the search box
- Click on the curriculum you wish to purchase
- Click the green Enroll button
- Complete contact information section, then click Add to Cart
- Complete payment section, then click Check Out
- You will receive an email receipt of payment and instructions for Step 2. If you do not receive an email after payment, email agriliferegister@tamu.edu or phone (979) 845-2604.

**Step 2: Create an account at the host site (Campus Extension)**

Follow the email instructions you received to create an account on the host site, Campus Extension. Once you receive confirmation of your new account, email vetscience@ag.tamu.edu and request an enrollment key. Include the name of the course, program name (high school, 4-H club, homeschool), and phone number.

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