



Cooperative Extension

Level Up! Veterinary Science Certificate Program

What is it?

The Veterinary Science Certificate Program is an educational level-based program in which participants display their knowledge of various animals. Each level requires the participant to demonstrate their knowledge in order to graduate to the next level. The levels become increasingly in-depth as participants gain more knowledge of animal science.

This certificate program is designed to:

- Enhance your knowledge of veterinary science
- Encourage you to pursue hands-on veterinary science opportunities
- Prepare you to find a job related to animal science and/or husbandry

Which animal species are included in this program?

You must address a minimum of two species throughout the program. For example, you choose to complete Level 1 on horses and Levels 2-4 on dairy cows. The animal must be a domesticated species and not considered to be wildlife. If you are unsure if an animal qualifies for the Veterinary Science Certificate, reach out to URI 4-H Staff.

How do I level up?

Complete all the activities in a level to move up the next level. Levels **MUST** be completed sequentially starting with Level 1, no matter how much experience you have prior to the program. Activities must take place after the start of the program on October 1st, 2021. Once you have completed a level go to the quiz, fill it out, submit and move on to the next level.

How can I use this experience for my resume?

The wordage of the certificate tracking sheet will help you phrase your experiences on a resume. Take a look at these modified tracking sheet activities as an example:

- *“Describe 5 common medical ailments and their treatments that affect your chosen species/breed”* could be written on your resume as *“Knowledge of equine diseases and medicine”*
- *“Participate in three 4-H animal science workshops”* could be written on your resume as *“Analyzed goat fecal samples for parasites alongside URI animal science professors”*

If you need help translating your experiences to your resume, do not hesitate to reach out to URI 4-H Staff for help! These hands-on experiences are extremely valuable and have already helped several current 4-H members to secure jobs!