

## VETERINARIAN

**Licensing Authority** Toni Kursitis  
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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa, Chapter 169

**Job Description** Veterinarians diagnose and treat diseases and disorders of animals, determine the nature of disease or injury and treat animals surgically or medically. They inoculate animals against disease and test cattle for tuberculosis and brucellosis; conduct necropsies to determine cause of death; inspect animals, both before and after slaughter, which are intended for human food; advise individuals on the care and breeding of animals; engage in general practice, treating various animal species or specialize, restricting practice to dogs, cats, and other pets, or to single species such as cattle, horses, or poultry.

**Education & Experience Required** An applicant must have at least two years of pre-veterinary education and four years of veterinary medicine to get a doctorate degree. Foreign graduates need to submit an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certificate. Applicants must have received a passing score for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) or the National Board Exam/Clinical Competency Test (NBE/CCT) exams, if applicable.

**Continuing Education** At least sixty hours of continuing education in courses approved by the Board of Veterinary Medicine shall be completed triennially by each licensee for license renewal.

**Examination** Applicants must pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). This exam replaced the NBE and CCT and is offered in April and December of each year.

**Fees** Application: \$50  
Duration: Three years  
Renewal: \$45  
Exam: \$350 - NAVLE Exam (includes \$25 administrative fee)

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 29-1131 – Veterinarians (N/A)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2001: 2,261  
2000: 2,188  
1999: 2,391

**For Additional Information** American Veterinary Medical Association  
1931 N Meacham Rd Ste 100  
Schaumburg IL 60173-4360

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1101 Vermont Ave NW Ste 710  
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