



MS IN VPHE + DVM

MASTER'S IN VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & EPIDEMIOLOGY + DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The joint Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Master of Science in Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology (MS VPHE) program uniquely prepares graduates to integrate knowledge from the veterinary, public health, and epidemiology disciplines into successful careers in academia and at local, state, federal, and international public health agencies. Participants can concurrently complete their DVM and MS VPHE degrees in four years.

COMBINATION PROGRAM BENEFITS

Situated in a prime location to study emerging infectious diseases and public health — near the border of the United States and Mexico — we are committed to training the next generation of public health professionals and epidemiologists to work toward One Health solutions.

The DVM + MS VPHE program is specifically designed to meet the need for these well-trained experts by preparing our students to:

- understand the ecological, environmental, and social determinants of health
- conduct research
- apply management and mitigation strategies to improve health both at the individual and population levels

Our program's emphasis on veterinary public health and infectious disease sets it apart from other programs, and expertise in these areas are more important now than ever.

Stressors to the health of humans, wild and domestic animals, and ecosystems – including the growing human population, increased travel, energy use, and habitat destruction – are increasing in number and severity and, as a result, are leading to new health challenges. Health issues caused by these stressors include some of society's biggest problems:

- the resurgence, emergence, and rapid dissemination of infectious diseases, especially zoonoses
- challenges for food production and safety
- concerns for biosecurity

This program guides students in developing the skills and knowledge needed to meet these emerging challenges.

CURRICULUM

The professional curriculum in veterinary medicine is a four-year program. During the first three years, classes are scheduled on a semester basis. The fourth-year curriculum consists of 24 weeks of basic core rotations, 18 weeks of elective clinical rotations or career alternative electives, four weeks of externship, and two weeks of vacation. The fourth-year curriculum allows students to choose a species-directed career (i.e., equine, companion animal, rural/mixed animal, food animal, or a career alternative track). While the individual degree programs require a total of 213 credit hours, this degree plan allows six hours of public health-related coursework to apply for credit toward completion of both the DVM and the MS VPHE degrees.

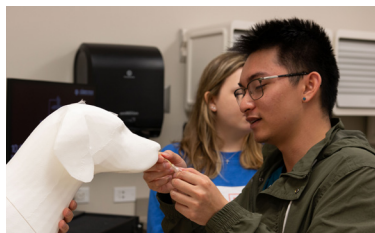
ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

This combined program requires separate applications to the DVM program and to the MS VPHE program. Admission into the MS VPHE program does not ensure admission into the DVM program and vice versa. The DVM application is due **Aug. 30**, and applications are reviewed via the typical DVM application procedures.

You can apply to the MS VPHE program prior to, during, or after applying to the DVM program. Applications to the MS VPHE program are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, with decisions typically made within two months.

If submitted as part of your DVM application, official transcripts, letters of recommendation, and test scores do not need to be resubmitted with your MS VPHE application.

For more information, visit tx.ag/DVMadmiss.



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