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Veterinary Medicine Board – Military Occupational Crosswalk

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Air Force

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Related Occupations: (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Marines

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Navy

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No related occupations

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Veterinarian

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Air Force
Public Health Officer (43VX) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat government-owned animals and pets of service members • Medical research on diseases of military importance • Primarily focus on animal medicine, veterinary public health, and research/development
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or master's degree in public health (MPH/MSPH) plus a bachelor's degree in a biological science
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the basic Public Health Officer (PHO) course and the Contingency Preventive Medicine (CPM) course • Minimum of 24 months on active duty filling a Public Health Officer position • Completion of five-week Commissioned Officer training course
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified in Public Health (CPH) • Primary Certification in Public Health/Community Medicine

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	<p>Air Force Public Health Officer completes period of clinical experience during veterinary medicine doctoral program.</p> <p>Servicemember must demonstrate proof of completing period of clinical experience as a requirement for licensure.</p>
Education Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must hold a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine to satisfy education requirement for licensure.</p> <p>Master's degree in public health (MPH/MSPH) plus bachelor's degree in a biological science will not be considered equivalent.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember must pass one of the qualifying examinations to satisfy requirement for licensure.</p>

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Army
Veterinary Corps Officer (64) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army veterinary officers can practice in three primary areas: animal medicine, veterinary public health, and research and development. • Officers are responsible for treating government-owned animals and the valued pets of service members and their families. • Army Veterinary Corps officers are also responsible for programs ensuring the safety and security of Department of Defense food supplies, both here and abroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Approximately one-third of Veterinary Corps officers are involved in research and development in an incredible range of focus areas, from basic breast cancer research to vaccine development. • Army veterinarians deliver public health programs around the world such as vaccination programs in Ecuador, teaching Thai veterinary technicians, or supporting foot and mouth disease eradication efforts in Mongolia. • Command and control Veterinary Corps units during emergency and nonemergency medical situations • Coordinate employment of Veterinary Corps officers at all levels of command in U.S. and multinational operations
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a graduate of an accredited United States School of Veterinary medicine and have a current unrestricted license to practice veterinary medicine in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States. • Army Medical Department officers attend an Officer Basic Course, a basic orientation course to the Army Health Care system and the Army way of life. • Training time depends on chosen specialty and prior military experience
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-discipline • Physically fit • Perform under physical and mental pressures • Make decisions quickly and on your own
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	<p>Army Veterinary Corps Officer completes period of clinical experience during veterinary medicine doctoral program.</p> <p>Servicemember must demonstrate proof of completing period of clinical experience as a requirement for licensure.</p>
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember is graduate of an accredited US school of veterinary medicine.</p> <p>Satisfies education requirement for licensure.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember is required to hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in the Army, and thus, must have passed required licensure examination.</p> <p>If the servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.</p>

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Army
Field Veterinary Service (64A) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily focus on animal medicine, veterinary public health, and research/development Command the Veterinary Corps units during medical situations Treat government-owned animals and pets of service members Medical research on diseases of military importance Instruct veterinary skills at service schools and train other personnel Serve unique duty positions for veterinary command activities
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctorate from an American Veterinary Medical Association – accredited veterinary school in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or Canada (foreign graduates may apply if they possess a permanent certificate from the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates) Job training for an Army Medical Department officer includes completing an Officer Basic Leadership Course, which introduces the Army Health Care system, Army doctrine and basic soldier/leader skills.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License to practice in the United States Ability to make accurate, immediate decisions Physically and mentally fit to perform under stress Apply critical technical and thinking skills Tremendous concentration
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	<p>Army Field Veterinary Service Officer completes period of clinical experience during veterinary medicine doctoral program.</p> <p>Servicemember must demonstrate proof of completing period of clinical experience as a requirement for licensure.</p>
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember holds Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.</p> <p>Satisfies education requirement for licensure.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember is required to hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in the Army, and thus, must have passed required licensure examination.</p> <p>If the servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.</p>

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Army
Veterinary Laboratory Animal Medicine Officer (64C) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily focus on animal medicine, veterinary public health, and research/development. Plans, directs, and participates in the care, treatment, and management of laboratory animals and other government-owned animals Duties include the design of facilities and equipment, obtaining and maintaining accreditation from the Accreditation for Laboratory Animal Care, International, supervision of all aspects of animal care and use and operation of research projects
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctorate from an American Veterinary Medical Association – accredited veterinary school in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or Canada (foreign graduates may apply if they possess a permanent certificate from the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates) Job training for an Army Medical Department officer includes completing an Officer Basic Leadership Course, which introduces the Army Health Care system, Army doctrine and basic soldier/leader skills.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License to practice in the United States Ability to make accurate, immediate decisions Physically and mentally fit to perform under stress Apply critical technical and thinking skills Tremendous concentration
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	<p>Army Veterinary Laboratory Animal Medicine Officer completes period of clinical experience during veterinary medicine doctoral program.</p> <p>Servicemember must demonstrate proof of completing period of clinical experience as a requirement for licensure.</p>
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember holds Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.</p> <p>Satisfies education requirement for licensure.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember is required to hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in the Army, and thus, must have passed required licensure examination.</p> <p>If the servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.</p>

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Army
Veterinary Pathology (64D) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily focus on animal medicine, veterinary public health, and research/development. Conducts diagnostic, surgical, and necropsy assessments of DOD working animals Conceives, designs, and performs innovative and creative scientific research as well as more classical research support, frequently performed in accordance with the guidelines of national and international regulatory agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration, National Toxicology Program, and the World Health Organization. Evaluates therapeutics and vaccines intended for human use in animal models in accordance with Good Laboratory Practices standards
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctorate from an American Veterinary Medical Association – accredited veterinary school in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or Canada (foreign graduates may apply if they possess a permanent certificate from the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates) Job training for an Army Medical Department officer includes completing an Officer Basic Leadership Course, which introduces the Army Health Care system, Army doctrine and basic soldier/leader skills.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License to practice in the United States Ability to make accurate, immediate decisions Physically and mentally fit to perform under stress Apply critical technical and thinking skills Tremendous concentration
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	<p>Army Veterinary Pathology Officer completes period of clinical experience during veterinary medicine doctoral program.</p> <p>Servicemember must demonstrate proof of completing period of clinical experience as a requirement for licensure.</p>
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember holds Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.</p> <p>Satisfies education requirement for licensure.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember is required to hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in the Army, and thus, must have passed required licensure examination.</p> <p>If the servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.</p>

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Examination Requirement	1 Examination Applicant must take and pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) or have passed the National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT).
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Army
Veterinary Clinical Medicine (64F) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily focus on animal medicine, veterinary public health, and research/development Provides medical and surgical care of government-owned animals as well as privately owned animals as authorized Makes clinical observations and diagnoses and serves as clinical consultant in specialty areas as required Functions in a variety of clinically oriented roles involving international studies, nation assistance/civil affairs, and/or Special Forces May also supervise, manage, or command operational (TOE) or force generating (TDA) veterinary and other medical units, or serve as staff officer for veterinary services
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctorate from an American Veterinary Medical Association – accredited veterinary school in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or Canada (foreign graduates may apply if they possess a permanent certificate from the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates) Job training for an Army Medical Department officer includes completing an Officer Basic Leadership Course, which introduces the Army Health Care system, Army doctrine and basic soldier/leader skills.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License to practice in the United States Ability to make accurate, immediate decisions Physically and mentally fit to perform under stress Apply critical technical and thinking skills Tremendous concentration
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	<p>Army Veterinary Clinical Medicine Officer completes period of clinical experience during veterinary medicine doctoral program.</p> <p>Servicemember must demonstrate proof of completing period of clinical experience as a requirement for licensure.</p>
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember holds Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.</p> <p>Satisfies education requirement for licensure.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember is required to hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in the Army, and thus, must have passed required licensure examination.</p> <p>If the servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.</p>

Veterinary Medicine Board
Veterinary Technician

Experience Requirement	Clinical Experience A period of clinical experience in a veterinary practice is required for all students in an AVMA-accredited veterinary technology program.
Education Requirement	Associates or bachelor's degree in Veterinary Technology In general, veterinary technicians obtain 2-4 years of post-high school education and have an Associate's or bachelor's degree in veterinary technology. Evidence of graduation from an approved school or college of veterinary technology sent directly from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited program.
Examination Requirement	1 Examination Applicant must pass the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE)
Profession definition	Technicians perform medical tests under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian to assist in diagnosing the injuries and illnesses of animals.

Army
Animal Care Specialist (68T) [Enlisted]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for the prevention and control of diseases transmitted from animal to man, as well as the comprehensive care for government-owned animals Provide routine daily care for animals in veterinary treatment or research and development facilities Perform physical examinations to detect obvious abnormalities and reports findings to veterinarian Calculate doses and administers oral and topical medications as directed by the veterinarian Assist veterinarian in surgical procedures and perform euthanasia when instructed by veterinarian
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job training for an animal care specialist requires 10 weeks of Basic Combat Training and 11 weeks of Advanced Individual Training, including practice in animal care. Skills learned in training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient care techniques Emergency medical techniques Methods of sterilizing surgical equipment Plaster-casting techniques
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in general science and biology Enjoy helping others Ability to work under stressful or emergency conditions and follow directions precisely
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) Veterinary Technician Specialist in Nutrition (VTS (Nutrition)) Veterinary Technician Specialty - Small Animal Internal Medicine (VTS-SAIM) Veterinary Technician Specialty - Large Animal Internal Medicine (VTS-LAIM)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	Servicemember must demonstrate proof of completing period of clinical experience as a requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure e must hold an associates or bachelor's degree in veterinary technology.</p> <p>Servicemember's 10 weeks of basic combat training and 11 weeks of advanced individual training is insufficient in satisfying educational requirement for Veterinary Technician certification.</p> <p>However, candidate's advanced individual training and specialty credentials earned during time of service <u>may</u> count towards some degree credit from an academic institution.</p> <p>Additionally, the Veterinary Medicine Board permits <u>unlicensed veterinary assistants</u> to practice, which may be an appropriate route for individuals who do not hold an associate degree in veterinary technology.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember has ability to complete national examination during time of service (See Related Credentials section).</p> <p>Satisfies examination requirement if servicemember passes exam.</p> <p>Otherwise, the servicemember must pass exam as a requirement for licensure.</p>