

## NAVLE INFORMATION

Below is information pertaining to the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) which are delivered by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME).

### Please remember:

1. Critical and website information can be found within this document.
2. Do not ignore NAVLE application deadlines; **there are no extensions.**

## 1. General Information

We have done our best to verify accuracy of the information below but do not guarantee it! Further questions about NAVLE should be addressed to us or the NBVME (see address below).

### 1. Web Sites:

The NBVME website is <http://www.nbvme.org/>. The NBVME telephone number is (701) 224-0332 and E-mail address is [mail@nbvme.org](mailto:mail@nbvme.org).

The Candidate Bulletin may be viewed at (Requires Acrobat Reader):  
<http://nbvme.taopowered.net/?id=76>

For Ross and St. George's students, additional information can be found at:  
<http://nbvme.taopowered.net/?id=70>

Frequently asked questions are at:  
<http://nbvme.taopowered.net/?id=71>

## 2. Applications

### All NAVLE candidates must submit TWO APPLICATIONS:

- a) the NAVLE application itself
- b) the appropriate state licensing board application so the board can approve them to take the NAVLE. See # 2 for application directions.

**NAVLE Applications** for the **Fall testing window** must be submitted by **August 1, 2009**. Applications must be **received** by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) office by mail or on-line by this deadline date.

The fall testing window is **November 16 - December 12, 2009**.

**Applications** for the **Spring testing window** must be submitted by **January 3, 2010**.

The spring testing window is **April 12 - April, 2010**.

If you are unsuccessful at the Fall exam, you will automatically be given access to a link to re-apply quickly for the Spring testing window. Contact details are listed below should you have any enquiries regarding application dates and the testing windows.

**a) the NAVLE application**

The NBVME has a website giving an overview of the application process: <http://nbvme.taopowered.net/?id=78>. This site is comprehensive, addressing issues from applying to the licensing board through reporting of scores.

As stated above, the application deadline is **August 1, 2009** for the fall testing window, and **Jan 3, 2010** for the spring testing window. These dates are applicable for VA and MD students. Be cognizant of application deadlines, some states may have different deadlines.

The website for the on-line application is:

<http://www.nbvme.org/?id=78&page=Information+%26+Application>

The cost of the exam is \$525.

**b) the appropriate state licensing board application**

This second application applies to the following states: CO, FL, ME, MD, MI, NE, NJ, NY, PA, UT, and VA. This application needs to be submitted so the state board can approve the student to take the NAVLE. You will find the application form for the state application to at:

<http://nbvme.taopowered.net/?id=7&page=CO%2C+FL%2C+ME%2C+MD%2C+MI%2C+NJ%2C+NY%2C+PA%2C+and+VA+NAVLE+Candidates>

You will need to scroll down to "Application Process" and under State Application Forms you can click on "State Application for NAVLE Approval" which you can download, complete and mailed to the address on the form.

There is usually another fee for the state application e.g. \$50 for VA and MD.

For other states, contact the appropriate licensing board for directions (see 5C).

If you do not know where you will be obtaining a license to practice, it is suggested that you choose Virginia, as currently Virginia does not require NAVLE application to go through its State Board (see below).

### **Additional Requirements for Applications:**

Some states require additional information for these applications.

VT transcripts can only be ordered through the Registrar's office; give that office as much notice as possible. See:

[http://www.registrar.vt.edu/records/request\\_transcript.php](http://www.registrar.vt.edu/records/request_transcript.php)

There is a fee for each transcript.

If you require a "good standing" letter, please provide, in an email to Academic Affairs ([acadaff@vt.edu](mailto:acadaff@vt.edu)), your name, where you would like the letter sent or if you would like to pick it up. Please note that some boards do not accept the letter from the student; if that is the case you must notify us by email, include your student ID #, and the name and address of the board.

### **3. Scheduling at the CVM.**

Scheduling the NAVLE exam for students in the senior class of the VMRCVM is a three-step process that begins once you have completed the application process.

#### **Step 1:**

Usually only one student can be excused from each campus clerkship (Blacksburg, Leesburg, or College Park) on any test day to take the exam, so once you have completed your application, visit Academic Affairs ([acadaff@vt.edu](mailto:acadaff@vt.edu)) to sign the **SIGN UP SHEET** and to schedule an excused absence for the date you would like to take the exam.

**If you are in Blacksburg when you schedule your test date, you must visit Academic Affairs in person.**

If you are **off campus** when you plan on taking the NAVLE, please check with your on-site instructor prior to scheduling an exam date to ensure you may take the exam on this date. **If, and only if** you are out of town on block you may call (231-4090) or e-mail Darlene Duncan at [darl08@vt.edu](mailto:darl08@vt.edu) to schedule a time to take the exam.

#### **Step 2:**

After your absence is scheduled with Academic Affairs, contact your Clerkship Leader and do the following:

- a) Notify the Clerkship Leader of the date you will be taking the exam. The Clerkship Leaders are available on the College Website.
- b) Complete an excused absence form. These are available on the College Website. If for any reason you must change the date of your exam, repeat steps 1 and 2.
- c) Get the appropriate signatures and return the form to Darlene Duncan in Academic Affairs.

### **Step 3:**

After you have received your scheduling permit from NBVME (in previous years a few weeks before the exam window starts), you will need to contact the Test Center of your choice to schedule the test date. Test Centers may be found at <http://www.prometric.com/>. The test centre in Roanoke is the closest to Blacksburg. You must have your candidate ID # to schedule your exam.

Remember, if the date that you schedule with the Test Center is different to the date that you signed up for in Academic Affairs you must notify Academic Affairs and your clerkship leader of the change.

It is suggested that you do NOT schedule a test date near the end of the test window in case you are ill and need to reschedule.

## **4. Accommodations:**

If you are applying through one of the above jurisdictions and you have a documented disability for which you will require test accommodation, you should download and review the [test accommodation guidelines](#) **before** you submit your application (this information also is available at the NAVLE site – see link above).

If you request accommodation for a disability, you must provide documentation.

## **5. Practice Examination/Self-Assessment.**

Sample questions may be viewed at: <http://nbvme.taopowered.net/?id=80>

The National Board Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) has released NAVLE Self-Assessments, developed with the help of the National Board of Medical Examiners using items taken from the NAVLE item bank. The assessments are designed to help NAVLE candidates become familiar with the examination and to identify their strengths and weaknesses in the various content areas. There are two 200-item forms, and standard and self-paced versions of each form. Each assessment costs \$50. Candidates have 30 days to complete a Self-Assessment once it is purchased. When the candidate completes a web-based assessment, they receive a score report that shows how they did, compared to a group of NAVLE candidates who took the same items. The score reports will also include a NAVLE score projection. The projection is an

estimate of what the candidate's NAVLE score would be, based on how they did on the assessment. Answers are not provided.

NAVLE Self-Assessments can be found at: <http://nbvme.taopowered.net/?id=93>

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## **Other NAVLE Review/Study Resources:**

### **Websites**

**American Association of Veterinary State Boards** - It is the single entity that reports board scores to the jurisdiction where a veterinarian desires to be licensed and is a resource for information about the regulation of the profession. This site has links to test sites, state boards and approved continuing education information.

**Auburn University Board Review Files**: a comprehensive collection of word documents and powerpoint presentations.

**Martindale's Virtual Veterinary Center**: vet science by subject. A personal website with enormous and comprehensive collection of course and textbook content.

**National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Website**: Includes information for candidates on the qualifying exam, clinical skills assessment and the licensing exam as well as information on the board itself.

**Parasitology Review** - One hundred parasitology questions and answers tailored specifically for the boards. Created by the Companion Animal Parasite Council.

**Online NAVLE Study Group**: This Yahoo group is dedicated to people who want to take North America Veterinary Licensing Exam including BCSE (Basic Clinical Science Exam),

NAVLE (North America Veterinary Licensing Exam) and CPE (Clinical Proficiency Exam).

[VetPrep](#) is an online, interactive study resource for veterinary licensing exams consisting of a database of more than 2000 questions, formulated to highlight primary areas of interest in veterinary medicine. They offer a practice and a test mode. A 90-day subscription is \$149.00.

NAVLE Games: The Academic Affairs Office has purchased two NAVLE Games to give you a fun alternative to studying. They can be reserved in the Academic Affairs Office for a period of seven days but must be returned after that initial period so that they can be used by others.

## **Library Resources**

Veterinary board review book : a complete review for the NAVLE and clinics / by written by Joshua Furman. 2006 Quarto SF759 .F87 2006

Swine diseases for boards : a review guide for the NAVLE / Audio Achievements. 2006  
Audio CD or Book format. SF971 .S954 2006

Veterinary board review [CD ROM] / Paul Pratt. 2001. CD-ROM SF759 .V462x 2001

Veterinary correspondence revision course. 1998. Quarto SF756.3.V483x.1998.

Review Questions and answers for veterinary boards/Pratt, Paul. 1993. 4vols.  
SF759.R48x 1993

Self Assessment Questions and Answers for Small Animal Practitioners/ Pratt, Paul. 1993.  
SF759.S452x 2 volumes

Practice form of the veterinary medical licensing examination of the National Board Examination Committee in cooperation with the Professional Examination Service/ Professional Examination Service. 1993. Quarto SF759 .P73x 1993 Regular Loan

Veterinary Pursuits: a review for board exams/ Buckingham, Frank. 1992. Quarto SF759.B83x 1992

Mosby's review questions & answers for veterinary boards / edited by Paul W. Pratt. 1998. Five separate volumes: Basic Sciences; Ancillary Topics; Small Animal Medicine and Surgery; Clinical Sciences; Large Animal Medicine and Surgery. Quarto SF759 .M67x 1998 Three Day Loan

Practice form of the clinical competency test (CCT) in veterinary medicine/ Professional Examination Services. 1988. TC Veterinary Medical Library Quarto SF759 .P73x 1988 Regular Loan

Information for Candidates on the national board examination for veterinary medical licensing/ Professional Examination Service. 1988. Quarto SF759.P732

### **Reference Shelf**

Definitions and abbreviations of veterinary terms

<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/glossary/glossary.asp>

[Merck Vet Manual Online](#): The online version includes new chapters and expanded coverage, is updated frequently.

Veterinary abbreviations and acronyms:

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/vex/vetdocs/abbreviation.htm>

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