

## What Does It Mean To Be A “Board Certified” Veterinarian

A board certified veterinarian is a veterinarian who has advanced clinical training in a specific field of veterinary care, has successfully passed proficiency examinations, and is recognized as an expert in that particular field of care.

**Pre-Vet:** 3-4 years of college plus experience in veterinary-related field.

-Competitive and intense application process

**Veterinary School:** 4 year (there are only 32 veterinary schools in North America) – 2500 students graduate annually

**Path One:** 85% go directly into private practice after graduation

Private Practice:

- Large Animal
- Small Animal
- Mixed Animal
- Exotics

**Path Two:** 15% go into other pursuits

- Military Career
- Government Work
- Graduate School
- Specialty Training Programs

Highly competitive application process

**Advanced Specialty Training:**

-1 year internship and 2-5 year residency, which involves:

- Clinical Competency
- Research experience
- Publications
- Examination to become Board Certified

Diplomat Status Achieved in:

- Internal Medicine
- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Radiology
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Pathology + 11 other fields