

# Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) Career Cluster focuses on the essential elements of life food, water, land, and air. This career cluster includes a diverse spectrum of occupations, ranging from farmer, rancher, and veterinarian to geologist, land conservationist, and florist. It also includes non-traditional agricultural occupations like wind energy, solar energy, and oil and gas production.

## Animal Science Statewide Program of Study



The Animal Science program of study focuses on the science, research, and business of animals and other living organisms. It teaches CTE learners how to apply biology and life science to real-world life processes of animals and wildlife, either in laboratories or in the field, which could include a veterinary office, a farm or ranch, or any outdoor area harboring animal life. Students may also research and analyze the growth and destruction of species and research or diagnose diseases and injuries of animals.

### Secondary Courses for High School Credit

#### Level 1

- Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

#### Level 2

- Small Animal Management
- Equine Science

#### Level 3

- Livestock Production

#### Level 4

- Advanced Animal Science

### Postsecondary Opportunities

#### Associates Degrees

- Food Science and Technology
- Veterinary Studies
- Biotechnology Laboratory Technician
- Biology Technician

#### Bachelor's Degrees

- Animal Sciences
- Agriculture
- Biology
- Zoology/ Animal Biology

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Genetics
- Veterinary Medicine
- Biological and Physical Sciences
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences

### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participate in Texas FFA</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compete in an Agri-Science Fair 4H</li><li>Volunteer at a local farm or with a veterinarian</li><li>Participate in an FFA supervised agricultural experience</li></ul>

### Industry-Based Certifications

- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Certified Veterinary Assistant, Level 1
- [Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science Certification](#)
- Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications Certification
- Equine Management & Evaluation Certification
- Feedyard Technician in Cattle Care and Handling
- Licensed Veterinary Technician
- Production Agriculture - Job Ready
- Small Animal Science and Technology



### Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Animal Breeders	\$39,139	28	9%
Animal Scientists	\$57,533	22	12%
Medical Scientists	\$63,898	435	27%
Veterinarians	\$93,496	294	24%
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$67,309	45	32%

Successful completion of the Animal Science program of study will fulfill requirements of a Business and Industry endorsement or STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met. Revised – August 2022

# Animal Science Course Information

## Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	13000200 (1 credit)	None	None

## Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Small Animal Management	13000400 (0.5 credit)	None	None
Equine Science	13000500 (0.5 credit)	None	None

## Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Livestock Production/Lab	13000300 (1 credit) 13000310 (2 credits)	None	None

## Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Advanced Animal Science	13000700 (1 credit)	Biology and Chemistry or Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC); Algebra I and Geometry; and either Small Animal Management, Equine Science, or Livestock Production	None

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