

Veterinary Services Careers Program: Orientation, Part B

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Riverdale, Maryland

Course Objectives

The purpose of VSCP: Orientation, Part B, is to enable you (the learner) to:

1. Discuss the mission and strategic goals of APHIS, with specific attention to those of VS, and their relevance to you.
2. Describe the concept and process of strategic planning in APHIS, VS, and how it serves as a basis for measuring performance and planning budgets.
3. Receive an overview of the Human Resources Services and Benefits.
4. Explore and consider the roles of, and interactions among, Field, Headquarters, the States and Industry in the day-to-day work of APHIS.
5. Determine the appropriate action(s) to take when confronted by a request from the media.
6. Establish and maintain a resource network to maximize your performance and professional development.
7. Describe how the interpersonal skills training will impact your daily job performance.
8. Establish a learning contract/agreement to augment the core portion of VSCP which addresses your current and future training and development needs.
9. Familiarize yourself with the locations of the Headquarters facilities of APHIS and of USDA.
10. Be apprised of APHIS Emergency Response updates and briefs.