NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY LICENSING EXAM (NAVLE)


THE EXAM:
A 360 multiple choice questions, computer-based test. You will have a total of 7.5 hours at the test center; 15 minute orientation and tutorial, 6.5 hours of testing time divided into 6 blocks of 65 minutes each, and 45 minutes of break time. See this website for a wealth of information about the exam www.nbvme.org.

REGISTERING FOR THE EXAM:
In addition to applying to NBVME, you must register to take the NAVLE through a state licensing board. As an example, if you are seeking licensure in Wisconsin, you will apply to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) to obtain permission to take the exam. If you want a license from another state, you may choose to register for the NAVLE through that state. OAA staff will assist students in applying for the NAVLE during the spring VM3 Professional Skills course. There are very specific deadlines for registering for the NAVLE and they vary from state-to-state. Wisconsin’s deadline is 30 days prior to the registration deadline the NBVME gives. Candidates with documented disabilities must request specific accommodations prior to, or at the time of their initial application to the state & national licensing boards.

In September, after registering for the NAVLE, candidates are electronically sent the information needed to register for a specific exam date. The exam is administered at Prometric Testing Centers across the U.S. You may take the exam at any Prometric Center, regardless of which state you registered through. You will be responsible for choosing your exam date and scheduling an appointment to take the exam. Space is limited at Prometric Centers, so register as soon as you receive your permit to do so.

COST:
In 2016-2017 the cost of applying for a Wisconsin license was $165.00. Licensing costs vary from state-to-state, and can vary from year-to-year. The cost for the NAVLE in November/December 2016 and April 2017 is $620.00. (Costs are likely to increase for 2017-2018.)

LICENSURE in the U.S.
Licensure in the U.S. is under the control of each state. Be sure you understand the rules and regulations for licensure in the state(s) in which you wish to be licensed, because they vary. Wisconsin has an online exam on state and federal laws which all license applicants must take and pass within 60 days of applying. Some states have additional exams required for licensure. Be sure to check this website for contact information and requirements in different states: http://www.aavsb.org/