



Food Safety and Inspection Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Public Health Veterinarian Mentor Training

**Overview: Public Health
Veterinary Training Program**

PHV Course

**Preparation of the
Public Health Veterinarian
to work as part of
an in-plant team**



PHV Course

- Nine - week program
- Focus on FSIS mission
- “Improving and protecting the public’s health”

3 Phases of Coursework

- Virtual class regulatory review (3 weeks)
- Virtual class overview (3 weeks)
- In-plant mentoring (3 weeks)

Continuing Education

PHV Virtual Class Overview: 86 hrs

- In-plant Mentoring – not eligible for CEUs
- Inspection Methods – not eligible for CEUs

PHV Virtual Class Overview

- Targets “New hire” PHVs
- Basic overview
 - Agency
 - PHV role
 - PHV responsibilities

3-Week Regulatory Review

Inspection Methods Hybrid

Purpose:

To reinforce understanding of how to perform food safety duties based on FSIS Directive 5000.1 and enter data into PHIS

3-Week Regulatory Review

Inspection Methods Hybrid

1. Rules of Practice
2. Basic Microbiology
3. Sanitation Performance Standards
4. Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures

3-Week Regulatory Review

Inspection Methods Hybrid

5. HACCP Verification

6. Pathogen Reduction

7. Food Safety Sampling

8. PHIS Data Entry

3-Week Regulatory Review

The link to all the VIM modules:

[Inspection & Mission Training | Food Safety and
Inspection Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

3 Week Virtual Class Overview

- FSIS as a Public Health Regulatory Agency
- Animal dispositions & food safety
- FSIS administrative overview

Course Composition

1. Lecture via webinar
2. Reading
3. Interactive
Workshops

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Agenda Review – Weeks 4 and 5

Week 1 PHV Agenda

- FSIS Orientation
- Essentials of a Public Health Regulatory Agency
- Human Resources Basics
- Sanitary Dressing Procedures, Controlling Contamination, Food Microbiology
- Requirements to Demonstrate Process Control of Slaughter
- Workers Compensation

Week 1 PHV Agenda

- In-plant Safety
- Professionalism
- Ante Mortem Inspection Overview
- Noncompliance Records
- Postmortem Inspection Overview
- Multi-Species Dispositions Basics

Week 2 PHV Agenda

- Labor Relations
- Multi-Species Dispositions
- Humane Handling/ GCP
- Residue Detection Program
- Reportable and Foreign Animal Diseases
- Preparation for Mentoring

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Three Week Mentoring Session
Weeks 6 - 8

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Final Week
Week 9

Week 3 PHV Agenda

- FSIS Statutes and Your Role
- Recalls
- Administrative Enforcement Reporting
- Food Microbiology
- SBREFA
- Wellness, Resources and Networking

Week 3 PHV Agenda

- IPPS Reviews
- Non-Food Safety Consumer Protection
- HACCP
- Exports Certification Overview
- Day in the Life: Poultry
- Day in the Life: Beef

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Examination covering
all nine weeks of training
given at the end of week 9

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Summary

- Nine-week program
- Focuses on FSIS' mission
- Improving and protecting public health
- Preparing the PHV for their roles



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