

**Pre-Requisite Information**

*Please note that it is the responsibility of the student to research individual veterinary medicine program admission requirements. Additional courses may be required or recommended, including behavioral sciences, humanities, math and science. Your academic advisor can discuss courses required for your major.*

<b>Biological Sciences</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Strongly Recommended</b>
General Biology (2 sem)	MCB 150 & MCB 151 IB 150 & IB 151	✓	
Microbiology (1 sem) *lab may be required	MCB 100 & MCB 101 or MCB 300 & MCB 301	✓	
Genetics (1 sem) *lab may be required	MCB 250 & MCB 251, IB 204 or ANSC 221	✓	
<b>Physical Sciences</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Strongly Recommended</b>
General Chemistry (2 sem)	CHEM 102 & CHEM 103 CHEM 104 & CHEM 105	✓	
Organic Chemistry (1 sem) *lab may be required	CHEM 232 & CHEM 233	✓	
Biochemistry (1 sem)	MCB 354 or MCB 450	✓	
General Physics (1-2 sem)	PHYS 101 & PHYS 102	✓	
<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Strongly Recommended</b>
Statistics	STAT 100 or equivalent	✓	
<b>Behavioral Sciences, Humanities &amp; Communication</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Strongly Recommended</b>
Complete 2-4 courses			✓



## EXPERIENCES FOR VET MED SCHOOL

*Veterinary Medicine schools look for a variety of experiences during the admission process. This is not an exhaustive list of the opportunities. Students can pursue many things to enhance their future application. It is important to have quality experiences over quantity!*

### Clinical Experience

- Shadow Veterinarians
- Animal Hospital/Clinic Volunteering
- Veterinary Assistant

### Community Service

- Social Justice
- Get out in your campus community

### Leadership

- Training & Development
- Executive Board Position

### Research

- Undergraduate Research
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- Research during gap year



# YOUR TIMELINE

*This is a suggested timeline only. Every student has their own path to veterinary medicine school. If students choose a gap year, this allows to students to enhance their academics and professional/personal experiences.*

## Fall

CHEM 102/103  
MCB 150/MCB 151

Attend Quad Day, Pre-Health Kick-Off  
Find RSOs to join (don't join too many!)

## Spring

CHEM 104/105  
IB 150/IB 151

Volunteering  
Summer planning-shadowing

## Fall

MCB 100 (lab if needed)  
MCB 250/MCB 251, IB 204 or ANSC 221

Continue activities and/or find new ones  
Research opportunities

## Spring

CHEM 232  
STAT 100

Summer planning-vet assistant, shadowing  
Study Abroad

## Fall

CHEM 233  
PHYS 101

Prep for GRE  
Leadership Experience

## Spring

MCB 354 or MCB 450  
PHYS 102 (if needed)

Take GRE  
Prep for VMCAS

## Fall

Additional Coursework

Interviews for Vet Med Programs

## Spring

Additional Coursework

Interviews/Make Decisions  
Consider reapplying



# YOUR TIMELINE

*Print this document to fill in your coursework and experiences.*

Fall

Spring

Fall

Spring

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# TIMELINE OF APPLYING

## ARE YOU READY?

### First step...

Determine if you are ready to apply based on your academics (GPA, completed pre-reqs), test score (if applicable), experiences and letters of rec. Do you feel like you are competitive for the programs you want to apply to?



## APPLICATION OPENS

### Know your dates...

The application to veterinary medicine schools (VMCAS) opens near the end of January each year. Applicants can build their application, and then add vet med programs in the middle of May. VMCAS closes the middle of September.



## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?

### Plan ahead...

It is important to know that you typically do not need letters of recommendation or your test scores to submit your application. The basic parts are: biographical info, coursework, personal statement, work/activities, who your letter writers are and admission test date.



## VERIFICATION

### Start the process...

VMCAS will have your primary application go through a process called verification. This is where VMCAS "verifies" what you have entered in for coursework and that it matches your transcripts. They will also calculate the various GPAs Vet Med schools use to evaluate applicants. This process can take 2 days or up to 4 weeks. Apply early!

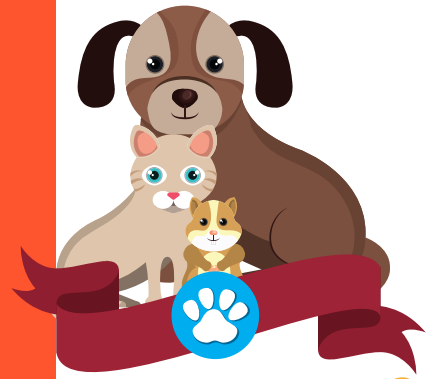


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## SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

*Check your email...*

Once your application is submitted and verified, you can work on secondary applications or supplemental questions. Some programs will have questions embedded in VMCAS or have a separate application (secondary).



## WAITING GAME

*No news, is good news...*

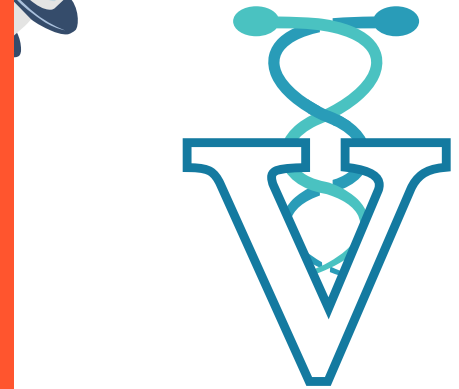
One of the most anxious times for pre-health applicants is waiting to hear back from programs on interviews or decisions. Depending how long you have waited, you can submit an update with significant information. Otherwise, know that if you haven't been denied, then you still have an opportunity!



## INTERVIEWS

*Again...check your email!*

Being invited for an interview means that you have met what they are looking for on paper. This is your opportunity to talk to individuals at the programs about why you are passionate about the field and that specific school. Do your research! Come prepared with your own questions! And don't forget to practice with a mock interview!



## ADMISSION OFFERS

*Be ready*

Vet Med programs may send admission offers within a couple of weeks of interviewing. Programs usually send out decisions in batches. It is possible to receive multiple offers, but also be denied or waitlisted.

yes



# TIMELINE OF APPLYING

## DECISION TIME

### *Understand your options*

If you have received an admission offer, be mindful of due dates for deposits to hold your seat. Plus, applicants need to be aware of decision deadlines. Read carefully any information programs have sent you!

If you did not receive any offers, make sure you think about a plan B and what you need to do to reapply.



## START SCHOOL

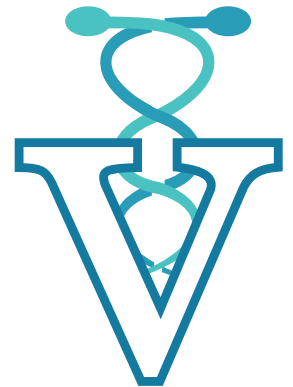
### *Woohoo!!*

Congratulations! You have accepted an offer to a Vet Med program and are ready to start your journey to become a veterinarian.

## HOW DO I GET HELP?

### *The Career Center*

Throughout the application process, the Pre-Health Advisors are available to assist applicants...alumni too! We can discuss competitiveness, review personal statements, work/activity sections, secondary essays, school list, conduct mock interviews and walk you through the decision process. Don't hesitate to contact us, if you need help!



# RESOURCES



[Becoming a Veterinarian](#)



[Veterinary Medicine School Admission Requirements](#)



[VMCAS \(Centralized Application Service\)](#)



[Health Profession Advising](#)



[Personal Statement Reviews](#)



[Mock Interviews](#)