Veterinary School Preparation at the University of Oregon

Did you know?

- Veterinarians provide healthcare to pets, livestock, zoo animals, and laboratory animals.
- Although veterinarians focus mainly on animal health and wellness, many use their expertise to protect humans against diseases carried by animals.
- Veterinarians have many career options outside of private practice, including the federal government and US Army. Organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and National Institutes of Health (NIH) all employ veterinarians.
- There are 30 veterinary medicine programs in the United States. The cost of PT school varies depending on location, size of the school, and public/private status. A general veterinarian degree takes 4 years to complete, and resident tuition costs range from $75,880-$179,327.

Veterinary Medicine Application Preparation

- Completing the prerequisite courses is just one aspect of the process. You must also have a well-rounded application consisting of experience (shadowing, volunteer work, experience with animals, life experience, etc.), letters of recommendation, GRE scores, a strong admissions essay, and interview.
- Some veterinary medicine programs allow applicants to apply without a bachelor’s degree, but applicants who have a bachelor’s degree are more competitive.
- State residency is an important factor to consider when choosing programs. The likelihood of acceptance is greatest at the public institution in the state where you are a resident.
- Applying to veterinary medical school is a year-long process. Start early and seek support from HPP Advising!
- Students applying in their final year at UO will have a gap year before starting medical school. Students can work, take courses, travel, etc. during the year.

Online Resources

Health Professions Program Website: healthprofessions.uoregon.edu
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges: aavmc.org
Veterinary Medical College Application Service: vmcas.liaisoncas.com
Exploring Health Careers: explorehealthcareers.org

Campus Resources

- Student Organizations (Pre-vet Club)
- Holden Center
- Tutoring & Academic Engagement Center
- Duck Nest
- Global Education Oregon
- Academic Departments
- Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement
- GRE preparation
- HPP Workshops
- Career Center

Advising

Schedule an appointment with an HPP online at healthprofessions.uoregon.edu or call 541-346-3211. Visit us in Oregon Hall, 1st floor.
Sample 4-Year Plan

The chart below illustrates one way veterinary school prerequisites can fit into a 4-year plan. Keep in mind that a good graduation plan is as unique as the student following it. Math placement, major, transfer credits, application timeline, and other factors will help shape your own decisions, and health professions advisors are here to help along the way!

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\(^1\) **Prerequisites vary by school.** Research specific schools that interest you to be sure you meet any additional requirements.

\(^{ii}\) Additional prerequisites may be required for BI 356 or HPHY 322.

\(^{iii}\) Physics lab may be required by some Veterinary schools.