Pre-Veterinary Track

Program Overview

Applicants must complete a total of 60 semester credits of college course work, but most applicants to veterinary school complete an undergraduate degree before enrolling. The 60 credits include the required 40-43 credits of course work, plus a minimum of 17 credits of elective course work left to the student’s discretion. The 17 elective credits allow the student to meet personal and academic goals and objectives while preparing for admission to veterinary school. How the electives contributed to the student’s academic goals and objectives will be considered in the application process. All course work must be completed no later than the end of the spring term prior to admission to the program.

Most students have obtained a college degree prior to admission or are entering veterinary school after 3 years of pre-veterinary training. It is unusual for students to enter veterinary school without having completed a college degree.

Students should note that admission to veterinary school typically requires the completion of the GRE or other entrance examination.

Veterinary schools are extremely selective, accepting a smaller fraction of their applicants than many medical programs. Veterinary schools also weigh experience with animals and work in a clinical setting very heavily in the admissions process, so considering how summer jobs, volunteer positions, and hobbies can provide you with animal care experience is advised.

For additional requirements of other schools of veterinary medicine or for further information, students should see the pre-veterinary adviser. Early advising avoids problems prior to the application deadline.

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