# Pre-Vet 101

# Pre-Vet Society UW

Monday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 5:30pm, SAV 138

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# Overview of a Career as a Vet

#### Life as a Vet:

- Types of careers
- Specialties vs general practice
- Education and tuition
- Salary
- Location
- Workflow



# **Undergrad Preparation for Vet School**

**Overview of science & math** courses: BIOL 180, 200, 220 CHEM 142, 152, 162 CHEM 237, 238, + 241 (lab) STAT 311 or QSCI 381 MATH 124, 125, or 126 PHYS 114, 115 + 117, 118 (labs) BIOC 405, 406 **GENOME 371** MICROM 301 + 302 (lab)

#### Other important courses:

English composition/Writing

Public speaking (COM 220)

Social sciences (Psych, Soc, PH/GH, Anth)

Physiology (BIOL 350)

Mammalian Physiology (BIOL 460)

Comparative Animal Physiology (BIOL 453)

Bioscientific Vocabulary (CLAS 205)

Looking for Individual School Pre-Reqs? (you should be!):

- VMCAS portal
- AAVMC Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements (latest edition)
  School's website



Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements



2020 Edition for 2021 Matriculation

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# **Undergrad Preparation for Vet School**

#### **Experiences**:

Veterinary (with a veterinarian) 300-500 hrs minimum; 800+ hrs recommended

Animal (without a veterinarian)

Employment

Volunteering

Research

**Extracurricular Activities** 

#### Where can I get experience?

Indeed: https://www.indeed.com/q-Veterinary-jobs.html ?vjk=d8441c368e5dc7b9

UW Research database: <u>https://new.expo.uw.edu/expo/login</u>

Shadowing a veterinarian

Ask other members about their experiences!

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION!!!!!!

# **Applying to Vet School**

#### <u>Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS)</u>:

- VMCAS is the centralized application service for Veterinary Schools
- Provides application services for 31 US, 3 Canadian, and 11 international colleges of veterinary medicine
- The 2022-2023 VMCAS application cycle will open in January 2022
- Schools may require a supplemental application as well as the VMCAS application
- American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges



# Choosing a Veterinary School: Where?

#### AVMA accredited Colleges of Veterinary Medicine:

- 30 Schools in the USA
- 5 schools in Canada
- 4 schools in Australia
- 2 schools in the U.K
- 2 schools in the West Indies
- 1 school in France
- 1 school in Ireland
- 1 school in Mexico
- 1 school in the Netherlands
- 1 school in New Zealand
- 1 school in Scotland
- 1 school in South Korea



# Choosing a Veterinary School: Guidelines

#### Some things to Consider:

- I ocation
- Tuition
  - They WILL ask you about this in your interview! Out-of-state tuition often over twice that of in-state
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- Your personal preference in Veterinary studies
  - Non-tracking vs Tracking (ex. exotics, equine, small animal) Ο
  - Class size  $\bigcirc$
  - Teaching hospitals and caseload Ο
  - Clinical Rotations (3 yrs didactics + 1 yr clinical rotations vs 2 yrs Ο didactics+2 yrs clinical rotations)

Referenced from podcast: Vet School Unleashed- Choosing the Vet School that's Right For You

# **Choosing a Veterinary School: Presentations**

#### **Attend Veterinary School Presentations:**

- 10/26 Ross University Veterinary School Presentation
- Washington State University Recruitment Presentation, 1:1s, Student Panel
- Oregon State University Informational Meeting

### What we do in the Pre-Vet Society

- Create a community to help and inform each other with the ins and outs of applying and preparing for vet school
- Host fun and informative events
  - Suture banana
  - Visiting Woodland Park Zoo
  - Vet school admissions info sesh
- Share job/research opportunities
- Talk and show pictures of our animals



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