

PRE-VETERINARY INFORMATION



Specialty	Average Salary
Veterinarian (All)	\$84,000

SOURCES: ExploreHealthCareers.org
The American Almanac of Jobs and Salaries
Occupational Outlook Handbook 2012-13

WHAT DO VETERINARY SCHOOLS EVALUATE?

- Academic Record
- GRE or MCAT (few) Score
- Biographic Data
- Letters of Evaluation
- Personal Statement (VMCAS Application)
- Experience
- Interview

Check out www.aavmc.org and
<http://www.wku.edu/wkuhpa> for more info on
pre-veterinary

WKU COURSES FOR PRE-VET EMPHASIS*

ANCS 140/141 Animal Science (4)
ANCS 345 Principles of Animal Nutrition (3)

BIOL 120/121 Biological Concepts I (4)
BIOL 122/123 Biological Concepts II (4)
BIOL 319/322 Intro to Mol. and Cell Biology (4)
BIOL/CHEM 446/447 Biochemistry I (5)

CHEM 120/121 College Chemistry I (5)
CHEM 222/223 College Chemistry II (5)
CHEM 340/341 Organic Chemistry I (5)
CHEM 342/343 Organic Chemistry II (5)

PHYS 231/232 Physics & Biophysics I (4)
PHYS 332/233 Physics & Biophysics II (4)
Courses that will assist in MCAT preparation and
your first 2 years in veterinary school include:
Genetics, Cell Biology, Histology, Comparative
Anatomy, Animal Physiology, Immunology,
Microbial Biology & Diversity, and
Physiology/Reproduction.

The Bachelor's Degree requires 120 hours. The
major + minor must total at least 54 hours (48
unduplicated). A student may opt for a 48 major
with no minor.

* "Pre-Vet" is not a major, but is a concentration.

APPLICATION TIMETABLE

Study for the GRE	Now! At least 4 months prior to attempting the test.
Register for the GRE	Register early (60-90 days prior) for the date and location you desire (seats are limited). Cost, \$195.
GRE	The computer-based GRE is given year-round.
VMCAS Online App.	Primary application to vet school, you may begin working on it in May, and it should be submitted by September 15th. Cost, \$195+ \$100/school.
Letters of Evaluation	After you complete your application, contact your advisor.
Secondary Applications	Submit as soon as you can adequately complete.
Interviews	Offers as early as mid-January with interviews occurring in February
Acceptances	As early as March but as late as May

OTHER INFORMATION

- There are 30 accredited schools of veterinary medicine in the U.S.
- You will view your unofficial Verbal and Quant GRE scores at the testing center (computer-based)
- Scholarships and other forms of Financial Aid are available, most students take out loans
- Get some experience, volunteer, shadow and/or work in a veterinary medicine setting
- Join the Pre-Veterinary Club
- Join Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-health professions honor society

PRE-VET ADVISORS: Dr. Fred DeGraves, Agriculture; Drs. Michael Stokes, Steve Huskey, Biology;
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