

Pre-Veterinary Students

Application

A student's application includes completion of foundational coursework, veterinary/animal/research experience, community service, honors and awards, leadership experiences, essays, and letters of recommendation. General applications are submitted through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), found at aavmc.org. A supplemental application is also required and can be found on the college's website. Casper test is also required.



Scholarships

Over \$2.2 million in scholarships are awarded each year by the College of Veterinary Medicine. These awards are based on a variety of criteria including academic achievement, financial need, clinical proficiency, leadership, diversity, and achievement in specific disciplines. Students are encouraged to seek scholarships to help offset tuition costs and help decrease student loan debt. Fifty percent of students receive some scholarship funding.



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REQUIRED FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (PREREQUISITES)*	SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED	QUARTER HOURS REQUIRED
English Composition	6 sem cr	9 qtr cr
Oral Communication	3 sem cr	4-5 qtr cr
General Chemistry I + Lab & General Chemistry II	7 sem cr	11-12 qtr cr
Organic Chemistry I + Lab	4 sem cr	6 qtr cr
Biochemistry	3 sem cr	4 qtr cr
Physics I + Lab	4 sem cr	6 qtr cr
General Biology I & II (Organismal and Cellular) + Lab	8 sem cr	12 qtr cr
Genetics	3 sem cr	4-5 qtr cr
Mammalian Anatomy and/or Physiology	3 sem cr	4-5 qtr cr
Arts, Humanities and/or Social Sciences	6 sem cr	9 qtr cr
Electives	8 sem cr	12 qtr cr
Additional 9 Science Hours		
Upper Division Biomedical Science Courses** (300/3000 or higher-level courses)	9 sem cr	12-14 qtr cr

*A bachelor's degree is not required for admission. Please see the website for detailed descriptions of required foundational courses.

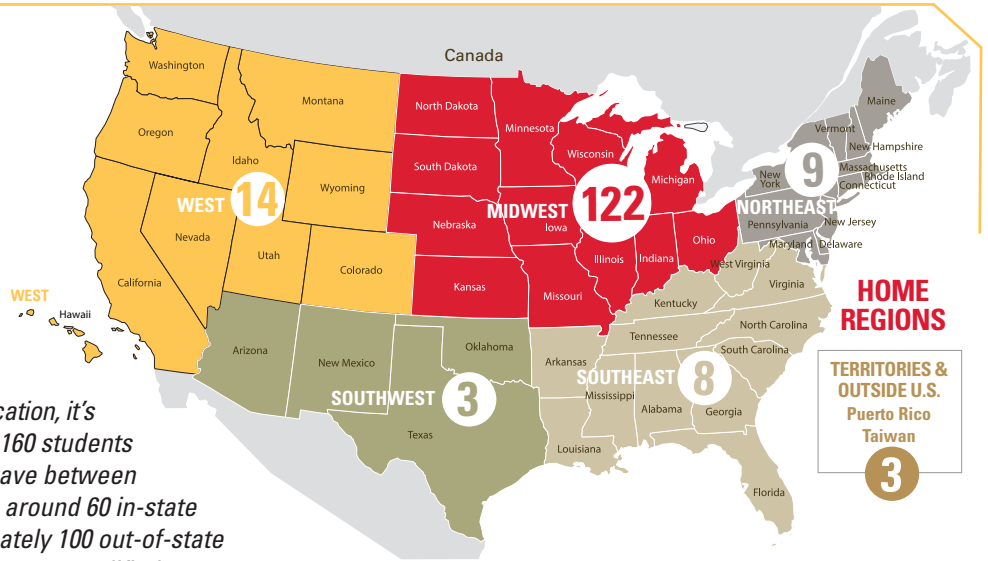


**Scan QR code for additional details on
Upper Division Biomedical Science Courses.

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vetmed.iastate.edu/future-dvm-students



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: How difficult is it to get into the College of Veterinary Medicine?

A: While it does take hard work and dedication, it's not impossible to become one of the 160 students who are admitted each year. We typically have between 150 and 200 Iowa residents who apply, with around 60 in-state students admitted. We also admit approximately 100 out-of-state students each year. While we have close to 2,000 qualified applications, our waitlist tends to move quickly since most students apply to multiple veterinary schools.

Q: When should I apply to veterinary school?

A: Students apply to veterinary school a full calendar year before they wish to start as the application process is open from mid-May to mid-September. Our review process lasts until mid-February. Iowa State's College of Veterinary Medicine does not require a bachelor's degree to be accepted. Students may choose to apply once they have completed or nearly completed the required foundational coursework. If a student is pursuing a bachelor's degree in four years, the application process should be started between junior and senior years in their undergraduate career.

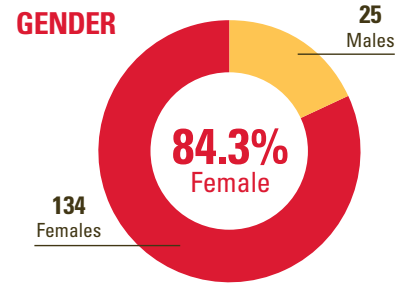
Q: How much do grades matter?

A: Forty-five percent of your score on the application comes from your prerequisite sciences GPA and the GPA of your last 45 credits. Forty-five percent comes from the admissions committee's review of your experience hours, essays, letters of recommendation, and awards and honors. Remaining ten percent is based on the Casper test. While grades are not the only aspect of the application we consider, they are very important. Keep in mind that these prerequisite courses are your foundation for veterinary school. Focusing on the information learned in these courses will benefit you greatly in your future.

Q: Who should I ask to write a letter of recommendation for my application?

A: We suggest that you ask people who know you well to write letters of recommendation. It is strongly recommended that one of these letters comes from a veterinarian. Other recommenders could include academic advisors, professors, researchers, volunteer supervisors, leaders of 4-H, FFA or other organizations of which you belong, and current and past employers. We require three letters of recommendation and will accept and read up to six letters.

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Q: What is veterinary school like?

A: Some equate veterinary school with trying to drink from a fire hose. Keep in mind that most students take around 20 credit hours per semester and attend class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This, along with studying, electives, clubs and other responsibilities, limits the amount of downtime students have. Time & study management is, therefore, critical.



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