

# ATLANTIC VETERINARY COLLEGE

## UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) is located in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The city, with a population of 32,000, offers a blend of rural and urban advantages. AVC is a college faculty of the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI). It is one of Canada's newest veterinary colleges. Since opening in 1986, the college has distinguished itself regionally, nationally and internationally in the provision of educational programs, research opportunities and clinical and diagnostic services.

**CURRICULUM:** Students begin their studies learning normal anatomy and physiology of animals. Disease processes are then introduced. Medicine and surgical skills are added into the curriculum in increasing amounts, culminating in year three of the program. Aquaculture and fish health, population medicine and animal welfare are special strengths. The fourth year of the program consists of 39 weeks of core and elective clinical rotations. Over 60 in-house rotations are available and range from companion animal behavior, acupuncture, companion animal medicine and surgery, animal welfare, cardiology, to aquaculture, farm (ambulatory) services, international veterinary medicine and wildlife health. Up to 12 weeks can be spent external to the college in institutional/specialty practice or general private practice.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants who are U.S. citizens or residents must apply through VMCAS. Applicants who hold dual citizenship with Canada, and do not have residency in Canada, may be considered as international applicants and may apply through VMCAS. Applicants who are citizens of Canada only, must apply directly to UPEI under the residency rules set out in the University Calendar. A Supplemental Application, additional Evaluation Forms and Fee (\$50 US) are a required part of the application process. This information can be found on the U.P.E.I. web site at: [http://www.upei.ca/registrar/3\\_inst\\_us](http://www.upei.ca/registrar/3_inst_us)

**The Supplemental Application Form and Fee must be submitted by November 1.** Non-U.S. international applicants may apply directly to UPEI. Completed Applications (VMCAS & Supplemental) are reviewed by an Admissions Committee. Interviews are a required part of the process and are conducted in February/March for invited candidates only.

**SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:** 60 total (up to 18 international students)

**DEADLINE DATE:** The VMCAS application must be submitted no later than October 2nd.

**CLASSES BEGIN:** Late August

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE & SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION:** A \$50.00 (U.S.) supplemental processing fee is required of all international applicants to UPEI. As well, applicants must complete and remit additional supplementary application documents in order to ensure a complete application. Deadline for receipt of the Supplemental Processing Fee and Supplemental Application Documents is November 1.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** At the time of application through VMCAS, Official Transcripts must be forwarded directly to the Office of the Registrar, University of Prince Edward Island. **DO NOT** forward these documents to VMCAS.

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$500 (CDN) is due after an offer is made to hold a seat in the class.

**TUITION AND FEES:** Approximately \$49,000 (U.S.) Subject to currency exchange rate.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS** The two general admission requirements are university courses and animal/veterinary related experience. Twenty, one-semester courses or equivalents are required. Normally, these courses must be completed while the applicant is enrolled as a full-time student carrying at least 3 courses per semester of at least 3 credit hours each, excluding labs. Exceptional circumstances will be given consideration; however, it is necessary for all applicants to demonstrate the ability to master difficult subject matter in the context of full-time activity.

With the exception of AP or IB credit, all required courses must have a passing grade identified by a numerical or letter grade. Science courses should normally have a laboratory component.

In addition to the course work, animal/veterinary-related experience is required. Applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain experience in a wide variety of veterinary related areas

Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) General Test must be submitted (institution code 0941) by international candidates no later than December 15. If a student's mother tongue or language of prior education is not English, the applicant is required to submit one of the following tests: TOEFL, MELAB, IELTS or CanTest.

The twenty (20) prerequisite courses are:

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| Mathematics (1 Statistics)                 | 2         |
| Biology (1 Genetics; 1 Microbiology)       | 4         |
| Chemistry (1 Organic Chemistry)            | 3         |
| Physics                                    | 1         |
| English (1 English Composition)            | 2         |
| Humanities and Social Sciences             | 3         |
| Electives                                  | 5         |
| <b>Total prerequisite semester courses</b> | <b>20</b> |

(must be at least 3 semester-hours of credit/ per course)

Grades in the 20 required courses will be used to calculate the average for admission purposes.

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