

# COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

## VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE

The VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine is dedicated to academic excellence and to the provision of a wide array of career opportunities in the many diverse branches of veterinary medicine.

Nearly 25 percent of the nation's veterinarians work in areas other than private practice, such as government and corporate veterinary medicine. The college has established a Center for Government and Corporate Veterinary Medicine, which is a national resource for training veterinarians for the wide variety of careers in this area of the profession.

**CURRICULUM:** The first three years are taught in a case-based and traditional lecture/laboratory format with a component of Web-based learning. At the end of their first year, students select one of five tracks: small animal, mixed animal, food animal, equine, and governmental/corporate.

In addition to core courses required of every student, each track has a small number of required courses. There are also elective courses. The fourth year is 12 months in length; instruction is received primarily at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital on the Blacksburg campus.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** All applicants must apply through VMCAS. Completed applications are reviewed by an admissions committee. Interviews are a required part of the process and are conducted in February

A preliminary information form must also be completed at the following website:

<http://www.vetmed.vt.edu/Organization/Academic/AdmissionReq.asp> - apply

Please complete the form and return it to the college address listed on the form before October 1.

**SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:** 90

**DEADLINE DATE:** The application must be postmarked by October 1, 2004. Submitting the application materials in advance of the deadline is strongly encouraged.

**CLASSES BEGIN:** mid August.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE:** \$25. Following an initial evaluation of applicant's credentials, a select group of applicants will receive a supplemental application. Only those selected applicants will be assessed the supplemental processing fee.

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$450 for residents and \$1,000 for non-residents is required to hold a position in the class and will be credited toward tuition and fees at matriculation.

**TUITION AND FEES:** For 2003-2004: \$11,746/yr. for residents of Virginia and Maryland; \$27,916 non-resident (subject to change for 2004-2005). VMRCVM accepts a

few applicants from states other than Virginia and Maryland. Such applicants must agree to be accountable for the full cost of their DVM education as regulated by Virginia Statutes and the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The college accepts 50 Virginia and 30 Maryland residents, and currently accepts up to 10 highly qualified non-resident applicants. To be considered for admission, applicants must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.80 on a 4.00 scale upon completion of a minimum of 60 semester/90 quarter hours at an accredited college or university. All required course work must be completed by the end of the spring term of the year in which matriculation occurs. Students must earn a C or better grade in all required courses. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) General Test are required (**GRE® code 5946**). The new GRE test format (change effective October 1, 2002) is required of all applicants. The deadline for receipt of official scores is December 1. The competitive applicant in recent years has had a cumulative grade point average of 3.53, a competitive GRE® General Test Score, a wide variety of animal experience (large and small), worked for a veterinarian for 400-600 hours and has worked in a research laboratory or been involved in commercial or industrial settings related to veterinary medicine.

Prerequisite courses for entrance into the college must include:

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| Organic chemistry with lab              | 8         |
| Biological sciences with lab            | 8         |
| Physics with lab                        | 8         |
| Biochemistry, laboratory not required   | 3         |
| Mathematics (college algebra or higher) | 6         |
| English (composition – 3 credits)       | 6         |
| Humanities/Social sciences              | 6         |
| <b>Total semester credit hours</b>      | <b>45</b> |

**ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

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