

# COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Western University of Health Sciences is an independent, accredited, non-profit university incorporated in the state of California, dedicated to educating compassionate and scientifically competent health professionals who value diversity and a humanistic approach to patient care. The university, located in the San Gabriel Valley of Southern California, about 30 miles east of Los Angeles, grants post baccalaureate professional degrees in five colleges: the Colleges of Allied Health Professions, Graduate Nursing, Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine. The AVMA Council on Education granted the College of Veterinary Medicine provisional accreditation status on March 5, 2001. WesternU's CVM admitted its charter class Fall 2003.

## CURRICULUM:

The first two years of the four-year curriculum provide education in basic and clinical veterinary science using a small-group, problem-based learning format, a Veterinary Issues seminar course, a Molecular Biology seminar course, and a Clinical Skills. These courses rely on learning environments such as the Companion Animal Wellness Clinic, PsychoMotor Proficiency facility, Anatomy and Surgery Center, California State Polytechnic University-Pomona, and off-campus ambulatory programs. Years three and four are comprised of clinical rotations at participating veterinary practices and biomedical learning environments.

## ADMISSIONS PROCESS:

All applicants must submit a *primary application* through VMCAS in addition to a *supplemental application* to Western University-CVM.

VMCAS applications are available at [www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org) or by calling 1-877-862-2740. All required application pieces not collected by VMCAS must be submitted with the supplemental application forms to Western University-CVM (postmarked no later than October 15).

The supplemental application will be available at [http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/admissions/dvm\\_application.xml](http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/admissions/dvm_application.xml) in June. All complete applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee October-December and selected applicants will be invited to interview in January-February. Decision letters will be mailed in March.

**SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:** 100

**DEADLINE DATES:** VMCAS – October 1  
Supplemental – Postmarked by October 15

**CLASSES BEGIN:** early August

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE:** est. \$50

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable acceptance deposit of \$500 is required to hold a seat in the class and is credited toward the student's account upon matriculation.

**TUITION AND FEES:** All students, regardless of state of residency, pay one tuition rate. The tuition for the class entering Fall 2006 was \$34,420.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants from all states/countries will be given *equal consideration* for admission. Prerequisite courses for entrance into the college must include:

### PREREQUISITE COURSES\*

Organic Chemistry with lab	3 sem units
Biochemistry <sup>2,3</sup>	3 sem units
Biological & Life Sciences <sup>3,5</sup>	9 sem units (must include one upper div course & one upper div lab)
Microbiology <sup>3,5</sup>	3 sem units
Nutrition <sup>3,5</sup>	3 sem units
Genetics <sup>3,5</sup>	3 sem units
General Physics with lab	6 sem units
Statistics <sup>2</sup>	3 sem units
English Composition	3 sem units
Written communication/science or technology	3 sem units
Oral communication	3 sem units
Psychology or sociology	3 sem units
Humanities/Social Science	6 sem units
Global Cultural/Financial Perspectives	3 sem units

\*Additional important prerequisite details may be found on our web site at [http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/admissions/dvm\\_requirements.xml](http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/admissions/dvm_requirements.xml).

<sup>2</sup> Must be a course designed or specified for science majors.

<sup>3</sup> These courses must have been completed no more than 8 years prior to the date of matriculation at WesternU-CVM (August 2000 for entry 2008).

<sup>5</sup> No more than two of these prerequisite courses may be in progress after the end of the fall term immediately prior matriculation.

## GPA Requirements

Applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.50 (undergraduate & graduate) at the time of application to be considered for admission. Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (or its equivalent) or higher.

## Standardized examinations

All applicants must submit scores for either the Graduate Record Exam (GRE-General) or the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). Scores can be no older than five years. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (including essay) is required for all applicants who are not U.S. citizens and for whom English is a second language. TOEFL scores are valid for three years. Scores should be sent directly to WesternU and should be postmarked no later than October 15.

## Additional requirements and considerations

Applicants must complete no less than 500 hours of hands-on animal experience. Applicants must also submit three letters of reference from among the following: previous employers; supervisors of extended volunteer activities; and/or academic personnel. Reference letters should be sent directly to VMCAS.

## ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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