

# COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES

The University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine is located on the 540-acre St. Paul campus in the heart of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. The small animal hospital at the University of Minnesota is one of the busiest in the nation with over 30,000 canine and feline admissions each year. The College of Veterinary Medicine is part of the Academic Health Center at the University of Minnesota including schools of Medicine, Public Health, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Nursing.

**CURRICULUM:** Beginning in the fall of 1997, the College introduced a new, highly integrated curriculum for the first three years of the DVM program featuring more clinical skills experience. The fourth year consists of 14 months of clinical rotations including eight weeks of preceptorship experience. During the final portion of the curriculum, students may track into either small animal, food animal, equine or mixed practice track.

Minnesota wishes to maintain a strong food animal program as well with internationally recognized programs in swine and dairy medicine. To complement the dairy program, the college has joined in a cooperative effort with a new state of the art dairy transition management facility less than one hour's drive from the St. Paul campus.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** All applicants must apply through VMCAS. An additional supplemental application is required by all applicants to the University of Minnesota. Information about the Minnesota supplemental application will be mailed to all applicants only after the applicant's file has been received from VMCAS. Review of applications by the admissions committee begins in January.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their application to VMCAS early to avoid last minute web congestion. Applicants will be notified in March of the College's decision on their application.

**DEADLINE DATE:** The VMCAS application must be submitted no later than October 1. The Minnesota supplemental application, GRE test results must all be received by the Admissions Office no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. Fall term transcripts must be received by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CLASSES BEGIN:** The University of Minnesota is on a fourteen week semester calendar with classes beginning after Labor Day and ending in mid-May. A three-day new student orientation precedes the start of fall semester classes.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE:** \$50. Do not send to VMCAS. You will be contacted by the college after VMCAS processes your application.

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$250 is required of all students offered admission to hold a position in the class and will be credited toward tuition at matriculation.

**TUITION AND FEES:** Anticipated tuition and fees for the 2002-2003 academic year are approximately \$13,900 for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba residents; approximately \$27,300 for non-residents (subject to change). All students pay a university student services fee of approximately \$550 a year.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Approximately 75% of the seats in the incoming class are reserved for residents of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba Canada. Admission of non-resident students is limited to approximately 19 seats. Applications from international students are not considered unless substantial portions of the pre-veterinary course work are taken at a U.S. college or university. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE<sup>®</sup>) General Test are required and should be taken prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>. (GRE<sup>®</sup> Code 6904). A bachelor's degree is not required. Students admitted to the college without the bachelor's degree must meet the university's Liberal Education requirements if they wish to receive the bachelor's degree in veterinary science at the end of the second year of the DVM program.

Prerequisite courses for entrance into the college must include:

English composition *	3-9
* (Graduation requirement of your college)	
General chemistry with lab	8-12
Organic chemistry with lab (two quarters or one semester)	5-10
Biochemistry (no lab required)	3-5
College Algebra, pre-calculus or calculus	3-5
General biology with lab	3-5
Zoology or animal biology with lab *	3-5
* (or the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester of a two-term biology sequence)	
Genetics	3-5
Microbiology with lab	3-5
Physics with lab	8-12
Social Sciences	6-9
Humanities	6-9
<b>Total semester hour credits</b>	<b>54-91</b>

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