

## 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 Canada's fourth and newest veterinary college. Since its opening in 1986, the College has provided its veterinary expertise in education, research, diagnostics and treatment regionally, nationally and internationally.

**CURRICULUM:** In the first year, students learn the form and function of normal animals. Studies include such sub-processes as agents and treatments, clinical applications and population medicine. Aquaculture and Fish Health are included in the curriculum. Third year courses emphasize clinical studies. Health Management principles are encountered for a variety of farmed species including fish. In fourth year rotations, students may select 10 rotations from over 50 choices, including large or companion animal medicine and surgery, dermatology, acupuncture, fish pathology and many others.

**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/html/dvm\\_instruct\\_unitedstates.html](http://www.upei.ca/registrar/html/dvm_instruct_unitedstates.html) **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/essay are a required part of the process and are conducted in March for invited candidates only.

**SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:** 60 total (up to 24 international students)

**DEADLINE DATE:** The VMCAS application must be postmarked no later than October 1

**CLASSES BEGIN:** Late August

#### SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE &

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION:** A \$50.00 (U.S.) supplemental processing fee is required of all international (non-residents of Canada) applicants to UPEI through VMCAS. 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 and GRE® scores must be forwarded directly to the Office of the Registrar, University of Prince Edward Island. **DO NOT** forward these documents to VMCAS. We do require two veterinary evaluations which must be completed by **VETERINARIANS**. If you have not remitted these through VMCAS, you will need to download and submit appropriate evaluations from our web site location: [http://www.upei.ca/registrar/html/dvm\\_instruct\\_unitedstates.html](http://www.upei.ca/registrar/html/dvm_instruct_unitedstates.html)

**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 \$29,000 (U.S.)

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS** The two general admission requirements are university courses and experience with veterinarians. Twenty, one-semester courses or equivalent are required. Normally, these courses must be completed while the applicant is enrolled as a full-time student carrying at least 15 semester-hour credits. 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 meaningful full-time activity.

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, two veterinary-related experiences (see University Calendar for possibilities) of at least one week (forty hours) each are required. One of these veterinary experiences must involve clinical practice in the field. The supervisor of each experience must be a veterinarian. If an applicant selects two clinical veterinary experiences, these two experiences cannot be in the same field (i.e. small/large) or take place under the supervision of the same veterinarian.

Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) General Test must be submitted (institution code 0941) by international candidates no later than December 15. The GRE® must be taken no later than October 30. 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:

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 3 semester-hours of credit/ per course)	

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

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