

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The School of Veterinary Medicine is a private institution founded in 1884 and located on the University of Pennsylvania campus in West Philadelphia. The Veterinary Hospital with small animal facilities is located in Philadelphia. The 800-acre large animal component is located at New Bolton Center, 40 miles west of the city. The school is known for its programs in equine medicine, small animal medicine, and research. There are also opportunities in exotic, wildlife, laboratory, food, and aquatic animal medicine. Go to www.vet.upenn.edu for more information.

CURRICULUM: For the first two and one-half years, students are primarily engaged in the study of the basic sciences. Clinical rotations and elective courses begin in the middle of the third year and continue throughout the fourth year.

ADMISSION PROCESS: All applicants must apply through VMCAS. Of the three evaluations required, one must come from a science academic source and one from a veterinarian. All evaluation letters must be sent directly to VMCAS by October 1. All transcripts must be sent directly to Penn by October 1. Fall transcripts should be received as soon as available. Completed applications are reviewed by an admissions committee beginning in January. Approximately one-third of the class is accepted without an interview. Interviews will be required of all others.

SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS: 100-110

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

CLASSES BEGIN: early September

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE: none

ADMISSION DEPOSIT: A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required to hold a position in the class and will be credited toward tuition and fees at matriculation.

TUITION AND FEES: 2002-03 \$25,766 resident and contract state residents; \$30,634 non-resident.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Approximately 60 percent of each class are residents. A small number of contract positions are available to residents of New Jersey.

The remainder of the class is selected from other U.S. and international applicants. A bachelor's degree is not required; however, fewer than 2 percent of the applicants are accepted without a degree (90-hour credit hour minimum). Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE[®]) General Test must be submitted. The GRE[®] code for Penn Vet is 2775 and test should be taken no later than November 1, 2003. Generally, those candidates whose applications are successful score in the combined verbal and quantitative range of 1,275 or above on the GRE. A successful applicant's GPA is normally a 3.5+ overall and a 3.5+ in the sciences.

Prerequisite courses for entrance into the school must include:

General chemistry with lab	8
Organic chemistry with lab	4
Biology or zoology (three courses)*	9
Physics with lab	8
Calculus	3
English (one composition course)	6
Humanities or social sciences	6
Electives	46
Total semester hour credits	90

Additional science courses (biochemistry and microbiology) are strongly encouraged, but not required. As the number of applicants increases each year, we find that more often those with upper-level biology courses beyond what is required, including biochemistry, are more successful.

No grade less than a "C" will be accepted for prerequisite courses.

* A basic understanding of genetics should have been derived from these courses.

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