

# COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

## UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The University of Tennessee, founded in 1794, is one of the oldest educational institutions in the country. The College of Veterinary Medicine, established in 1974, is located in Knoxville on the University's Agricultural Campus along the Tennessee River. The city, the cultural center of East Tennessee, is situated in the Appalachian foothills of east central Tennessee and is 45 minutes from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and just three hours from the cultural and recreational opportunities of Nashville and Atlanta. The modern Clyde M. York Veterinary Medicine Building houses teaching and research facilities, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and the Agriculture-Veterinary Medicine Library.

**CURRICULUM:** The curriculum of the college is a nine semester, four-year program. Development of a strong basic science foundation is emphasized in the first year. The second and third years emphasize the study of diseases, their causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Innovative features of this curriculum include: six weeks of student centered, small group, applied learning exercises in semesters one through five; three weeks of dedicated clinical experiences in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in semesters three through five; and elective course opportunities in semesters four, five, and six which allow students to focus on specific educational/career goals. In the fourth year, students participate exclusively in clinical rotations in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and in required externships.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** All applicants must apply through VMCAS. Applications are accepted only from U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States. Completed applications are reviewed by an admissions committee. Interviews are a required part of the process and will be conducted March 17-21, 2003. All applicants need to request a brochure from the College and visit our web site for complete details about the current requirements for the admission process.

**SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:** approximately 70

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

**CLASSES BEGIN:** August 20, 2003

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE:** \$35. The University of Tennessee requires a processing fee to develop and maintain each applicant's computerized database. Do not send this fee to VMCAS. You will be contacted by The University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine after VMCAS forwards your application to the College.

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT:** none

**TUITION AND FEES:** 2001-2002 \$7,712.00 resident; \$21,754.00 non-resident (subject to change for 2003-2004)

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Priority is given to Tennessee residents. Admission of non-resident applicants is limited. A non-Tennessee applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20 on a 4.00 scale for his/her application to be considered. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade C or better. The Veterinary College Admission Test™ (VCAT®) is required and may be taken in September or December. The oldest acceptable VCAT® test scores are from the test given September 2000. Applicants must take the VCAT® no later than the December 2002 administration. Prerequisite courses to qualify for admission to the college must include:

General inorganic chemistry with lab	8
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Organic chemistry with lab	8
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General biology/zoology with lab	8
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Cellular biology	3
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Genetics	3
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Biochemistry, exclusive of laboratory*	4
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Physics with lab	8
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English composition	6
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Social sciences/humanities	18
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**Total semester credit hours** 66

\* This should be a complete upper-division course in general cellular and comparative biochemistry. Half of a two-semester sequence will not satisfy this requirement. The biochemistry course requirement must have been satisfactorily completed within five years of the time you wish to enter the professional program.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to take additional biological science courses especially comparative anatomy, mammalian physiology and microbiology with laboratory.

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