

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 College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) has been approved for the first steps of the accreditation process and 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: Applicants may:

1) submit a **primary application** through VMCAS in addition to a **supplemental application** to Western University-CVM (\$50),

or

2) submit a single **comprehensive application** directly to Western University-CVM (\$75).

VMCAS applications are available at 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 no later than November 1.

Applicants submitting the comprehensive application must include all required application pieces in a single packet with the comprehensive application forms mailed to Western University-CVM no later than October 1.

The supplemental and comprehensive application forms will be available at www.westernu.edu/vetmed/applications in July. All complete applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee in December, and selected applicants will be invited to interview in February. Decision letters will be mailed in March.

SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS: 85

DEADLINE DATES: VMCAS or Comprehensive – October 1
Supplemental – November 1

CLASSES BEGIN: early August

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE: \$50

ADMISSION DEPOSIT: A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$500 is required to hold a seat in the class and is credited toward tuition upon matriculation.

TUITION AND FEES: All students, regardless of state of residency, pay one tuition rate. The tuition for the class entering Fall 2003 was \$28,800.

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

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| General (inorganic) chemistry (w/ lab) | 1 sequence |
| Organic chemistry (w/ lab) | 1 sequence |
| Biochemistry ^{2,3} | 1 course |
| Biological Sciences | 2 courses |
| (including one upper division course and one lab course) ^{2,3} | |
| Microbiology ^{2,3} | 1 course |
| Nutrition ^{2,3} | 1 course |
| Genetics/molecular biology ^{2,3} | 1 course |
| Statistics ² | 1 course |
| Computer skills ² | 1 course |
| General physics (including laboratory) | 1 sequence |
| English composition | 1 course |
| Technical/scientific writing | 1 course |
| Public speaking | 1 course |
| Humanities/Social Sciences | 3 courses |
| (at least one course in either psychology or sociology) | |
| Macroeconomics | 1 course |

² These courses must have been completed no more than 8 years prior to the date of matriculation at WesternU-CVM

³ No more than two of these prerequisite courses may be in progress after the end of the fall term immediately prior to starting at WesternU-CVM.

Required undergraduate GPA

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” (or its equivalent) or higher to be considered. Applicants must also earn an overall minimum undergraduate GPA of a 2.5.

Standardized examinations

All applicants must submit scores for either the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE-General). 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.

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.

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