



Dear VMCAS Applicant,

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) and our 53 veterinary medical colleges around the world recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on your plans to apply to veterinary school. We know you have questions about your application and we want to provide you with the best information available to guide you through the application and admission process.

This is a very fluid situation and is subject to change. VMCAS participating colleges are adapting their application review process and many colleges are considering the following steps to mitigate the challenges you are facing:

- Accept online coursework, including laboratory credits, to fulfill pre-requisite coursework
- Accept pass/fail and satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades, regardless of whether this was required by the school or you chose this option, to fulfill pre-requisite coursework
- Relax the requirement for GRE test score (if required)
- Relax the requirement for experience hours (if required)
- Relax the requirement for a Letter of Recommendation (if required)

Note that some colleges may not implement these changes, so you must review the complete list of what each college is doing here: [COVID-19 Student and Applicant Information](#)

If any of your undergraduate institutions cannot provide official transcripts, the VMCAS application will provide an exception process for you to get your application verified and delivered to the colleges you select. Keep in mind that the colleges will require official transcripts when operations resume at your previously attended institutions.

We encourage you to complete your application and submit your materials as soon as you are ready. Now more than ever, society needs veterinarians who understand the connections among human health, animal health and environmental health. Veterinarians around the world are stepping up to this unprecedented public health challenge and we are honored that you seek to join them in this time of crisis. I wish you the best of success in your career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. Maccabe", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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