Veterinary School Preparation at the University of Oregon

Did you know?
- Veterinarians provide healthcare to pets, livestock, zoo animals, and laboratory animals.
- Although veterinarians focus mainly on animal health and wellness, many use their expertise to protect humans against diseases carried by animals.
- Veterinarians have many career options outside of private practice, including the federal government and US Army. Organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and National Institutes of Health (NIH) all employ veterinarians.
- There are 30 veterinary medicine programs in the United States. A general veterinarian degree takes 4 years to complete, and total tuition and expenses range from $150,000 to $360,000.

Veterinary Medicine Application Preparation
- Completing the prerequisite courses is just one aspect of the process. You must also have a well-rounded application consisting of experience (shadowing, volunteer work, experience with animals, life experience, etc.), letters of recommendation, GRE scores, a strong admissions essay, and interview.
- Some veterinary medicine programs allow applicants to apply without a bachelor’s degree, but applicants who have a bachelor’s degree are more competitive.
- State residency is an important factor to consider when choosing programs. The likelihood of acceptance is greatest at the public institution in the state where you are a resident.
- Applying to veterinary medical school is a year-long process. Students applying in their final year at UO will have a gap year before starting medical school. Students can work, take courses, travel, etc. during the year.

Online Resources
- Health Professions Program Website: http://healthprofessions.uoregon.edu
- American Veterinary Medical Association: http://avma.org
- Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges: http://aavmc.org
- Veterinary Medical College Application Service: https://vmcas.liaisoncas.com
- Exploring Health Careers: http://explorehealthcareers.org

Campus Resources
- Student Organizations (Pre-vet Club)
- Holden Center
- TLC study support
- Duck Nest
- Global Education Oregon
- Academic departments
- Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement
- TLC GRE preparation
- HPP workshops
- Career Center

Advising
For more information and individualized academic planning, call or visit the Teaching and Learning Center (541-346-3226, 68 PLC) to schedule an appointment with a health professions advisor.
Sample 4-Year Plan
The chart below illustrates one way veterinary school prerequisites\(^1\) can fit into a 4-year plan. Keep in mind that a good graduation plan is as unique as the student following it. Math placement, major, transfer credits, application timeline, and other factors will help shape your own decisions, and health professions advisors are here to help along the way!

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| Second Year      |                        |                       |                       |                      |
| Classes          | CH 331 & 337           | CH 335 & 338          | CH 336                |                      |
|                  | BI 211                 | BI 212                | BI 214                |                      |
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| Third Year       |                        |                       |                       |                      |
| Classes          | PHYS 201 & 204         | PHYS 202 & 205        | PHYS 203 & 206        |                      |
|                  |                       |                       | BI 320                |                      |
| Experience       |                       |                       |                       |                      |

| Fourth Year      |                        |                       |                       |                      |
| Classes          | CH 461                 | CH 463                | CH 462                |                       |
|                  | BI 356 or HPHY 322 \(^{ii}\) |                      | BI 330 & 331          |                      |
| Experience       |                       |                       |                       |                      |

\(^1\) Prerequisites vary by school. Research specific schools that interest you to be sure you meet any additional requirements.

\(^{ii}\) Additional prerequisites may be required for BI 356 or HPHY 322.