

# PRE-VETERINARY INFORMATION



| Specialty          | Average Salary |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Veterinarian (All) | \$101,000      |

SOURCES: ExploreHealthCareers.org  
US Bureau of Labor Statistics

## WHAT DO VETERINARY SCHOOLS EVALUATE?

- Academic Record
- GRE or MCAT (few) Score
- Biographic Data
- Letters of Evaluation
- Personal Statement (VMCAS Application)
- Experience
- Interview

Check out [www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org) and <http://www.wku.edu/wkuhpa> for more info on pre-veterinary

## WKU COURSES FOR PRE-VET STUDENTS\*

ANCS 140/141 Animal Science (4)  
ANCS 345 Principles of Animal Nutrition (3)

BIOL 120/121 Biological Concepts I (4)  
BIOL 122/123 Biological Concepts II (4)  
BIOL 319/322 Intro to Mol. and Cell Biology (4)  
BIOL/CHEM 446/447 Biochemistry I (5)

CHEM 120/121 College Chemistry I (5)  
CHEM 222/223 College Chemistry II (5)  
CHEM 340/341 Organic Chemistry I (5)  
CHEM 342/343 Organic Chemistry II (5)

PHYS 231/232 Physics & Biophysics I (4)  
PHYS 332/233 Physics & Biophysics II (4)

Courses that will assist in your first 2 years in veterinary school include: Genetics, Cell Biology, Histology, Comparative Anatomy, Animal Physiology, Immunology, Microbial Biology & Diversity, and Physiology/Reproduction.

The Bachelor's Degree requires 120 hours. The major + minor must total at least 54 hours (48 unduplicated). A student may opt for a 48 major with no minor.

\* "Pre-Vet" is not a major, but is a concentration.

## APPLICATION TIMETABLE

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| Study for the GRE      | Now! At least 4 months prior to attempting the test.   |
| Register for the GRE   | Register early (60-90 days prior) for the date and location you desire (seats are limited). <i>Cost, \$205.</i>  |
| GRE                    | The computer-based GRE is given year-round.  |
| VMCAS Online App.      | Primary application to vet school, you may begin working on it in May, and it should be submitted by September 15th. <i>Cost, \$210+ \$100/school.</i> |
| Letters of Evaluation  | After you complete your application, contact your advisor.   |
| Secondary Applications | Submit as soon as you can adequately complete.   |
| Interviews             | Offers as early as mid-January with interviews occurring in February.  |
| Acceptances            | As early as March but as late as May.  |

## OTHER INFORMATION

- There are 30 accredited schools of veterinary medicine in the U.S.
- You will view your unofficial Verbal and Quant GRE scores at the testing center (computer-based).
- Scholarships and other forms of Financial Aid are available, most students take out loans.
- Get some experience, volunteer, shadow and/or work in a veterinary medicine setting.
- Join the Pre-Veterinary Club.
- Join Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-health professions honor society.

**PRE-VET ADVISORS:** Drs. Michael Stokes, Steve Huskey, Biology; Dr. Fred DeGraves, Agriculture; Mrs. Lynnita Glass, OCSE Dean's Office