Veterinary Medical School Application Process

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Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements (VMSAR)

http://www.aavmc.org/Publications/VMSAR.aspx
http://aavmc.org/College-Specific-Requirements/College-Specific-Requirements_College-Specifications.aspx

Admissions Test: GRE General Test (some schools no longer require the GRE, some also accept the MCAT)

http://www.ets.org/gre

Fee: $205 per test [late fee: $25; reschedule fee: $50; change of test center fee: $50]

Fee includes score reports to 4 schools, $25 for each additional school (scores must be sent to each school you are applying to, they do not get sent to VMCAS).

Payment by credit/debit, PayPal or money order

Release Scores: Prior to signing up for the test, you have the option of releasing your scores to an undergraduate pre-health advisor. If you miss this step, please create and print an official score report and send to the pre-professional advisor at GVSU.

Limit: One test every 21 days, up to 5 in a 12-month period

*VMCAS has a test deadline chart that shows the date for each school.*

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<th>Subtests</th>
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<td>Analytical Writing</td>
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<td>One “Analyze an Issue” Task</td>
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<td>One “Analyze an Argument” Task</td>
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<td>Verbal Reasoning (two sections; 20 questions per section)</td>
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<td>Quantitative Reasoning (two sections; 20 questions per section)</td>
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<td>35 minutes per section</td>
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<td>Total “seat” Time: 3 hours, 45 minutes</td>
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*each test may include research sections which are not scored and not part of your final score

Scoring: 130-170 per section for Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning, scored in 1-point increments.

Writing is scored 0-6, in ½ point increments. You will see your unofficial scores for the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning measures at the test center. Your official scores will be available in your My GRE Account and sent to your score recipients approximately 10–15 days after your test date.

Practice exams and other prep resources available here: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/fees/

Application Service: VMCAS – Follow them on Facebook and Twitter @VMCASVetApp for updates! You can also email vmcasinfo@vmcas.org or call 617-612-2884 for help.

VMCAS main hub (bookmark this page!): http://www.aavmc.org/vmcas

• VMCAS Instructions: https://portal.vmcas.org/vmcasHelpPages/instructions/index.html

Use your FULL legal name. Print a copy of your completed application for your reference

• As soon as you start your VMCAS application, veterinary schools can see your demographic information.

• Fee: $205 for one school; $105 for each additional school. See http://www.aavmc.org/Applicant-Responsibilities/Fees.aspx for more information.

*Fee is non-refundable, can only be paid by Visa or MasterCard.

*No fee waiver available, but fee refunds are available for a max of 250 applicants who meet need-based criteria. Refunds are only done after submission.

• Transcripts: Transcripts from ALL schools attended must be sent to individual schools you are applying to; a transcript request form from VMCAS is optional, but VERY helpful if it is sent with your transcript.
• **Re-applicants**: Your information will NOT be carried over; you must submit a new application each year.

• **Repeat Grades**: List each time you took the course as it appears on your transcript. You should choose “Repeat Course” for each attempt (including the first) until the final attempt, when you will choose “Completed.” VMCAS counts ALL attempts of a repeated course in the GPA calculations.

• **Personal Statement**: In lieu of a personal statement, you will be asked to complete three essays, requiring 1,000 characters each. The prompts are as follows:
  a. There are many career choices within the veterinary profession. What are your future career goals & why?
  b. In what ways do veterinarians contribute to society and what do you hope to contribute?
  c. Considering the breadth of society we serve as veterinarians today; what attributes do you believe are essential to be successful within the veterinary profession? Of these attributes, which do you possess and how have you demonstrated these in the past?

• **Related Work & Activities**: Enter veterinary experience, other animal experience, employment, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and honors and awards; each experience has room for a brief description (600 characters, including spaces). Nothing from high school should be included unless it was a VERY special experience. Only list one vet name (supervisor) if you worked at a clinic with multiple vets.

• **Explanation Statement**: While this section is NOT REQUIRED, you can use it to record information that could not be listed anywhere else within the web application, such as missing parental information, and disciplinary action(s) which require detailed explanation. This section can also be used to provide the admissions committee(s) additional information that you consider vital to your application. 2000 characters (including spaces) have been allotted for this purpose. Examples of pertinent information might include explanations about interruptions in your studies or experiences, unique circumstances you have faced, or reasons for decisions you have made. DO NOT use this section for spillover for a personal statement which exceeds the character limit.

• **Letters of Evaluations (LOEs)**: VMCAS requires a minimum of 3 letters of evaluation (can enter up to 6); create a profile for evaluators through VMCAS and attach the evaluator form to each letter. A committee letter would require forms for the total number of letters it represents, but most vet schools do not prefer committee letters. A mix of letters from faculty and practicing vets is recommended. Schools will see the LOEs in the order in which an applicant lists them.

  MUST be submitted by letter writer and received by application deadline **Identify evaluators early**

  For more information on evaluations, see [http://www.aavmc.org/Applicant-Responsibilities/Evaluations.aspx](http://www.aavmc.org/Applicant-Responsibilities/Evaluations.aspx)

  **Your application is not considered complete and will not be verified until at least 3 letters are received!**

• **Supplemental Applications**: You will complete a “program page” for each school you apply to within VMCAS; however, you may also be asked to complete a secondary application from schools. They vary by school, see: [http://www.aavmc.org/supplemental.aspx](http://www.aavmc.org/supplemental.aspx) for specifications; all fees and materials should be submitted directly to the school.

• **Verification**: Applications begin shipping out to schools a few weeks prior to the application deadline and ship weekly until all applications have been sent. Once all required materials are received by VMCAS your application will go out with the next scheduled shipment.

• **Acceptances**: Once you have accepted an offer at one school you are expected to withdraw all outstanding applications. Acceptance deadline is April 15th; no response is required until then. Make sure you are meeting any university deadlines.

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<td>May 11th</td>
<td>VMCAS Launches</td>
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<td>September 15th @ midnight</td>
<td>ALL application materials (i.e. LOEs, Official Transcripts) are due to VMCAS</td>
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<td>It takes three weeks for application verification after transcripts are received by VMCAS.</td>
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<td>Early October</td>
<td>VMCAS Closes</td>
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<td>October – January</td>
<td>Schools process applications</td>
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<td>February – March</td>
<td>Initial Decisions/Offers are made</td>
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<td>April 15th</td>
<td>Acceptance decisions are due from students</td>
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*Last day to take GRE or MCAT Varies by school. Consult individual programs for specific deadlines

Along with all the veterinary schools in the United States, VMCAS also serves three Canadian, one New Zealand, and two of the three Caribbean Schools (Ross and St. George’s).

This form serves only as a guideline to the application process, it is up to you as the applicant to make sure you are meeting any deadlines or requirements outlined by the application and testing services, as well as individual school requirements.