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Veterinary Medical School Application Process

Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements (VMSAR) https://applytovetschool.org/

Admissions Test: GRE General Test (as of this publication 1 school requires the GRE) www.ets.org/gre
Fee: $220 per test [reschedule fee: $55; change of test center fee: $55]
Fee includes score reports to 4 schools, $40 for each additional school (applicants must authorize official scores to be sent to VMCAS or schools directly).
Release Scores: After taking the exam, share an official score report with a preprofessional advisor at GVSU.
Limit: One test every 21 days, up to 5 in a 12-month period

GRE General Test Structure	
Analytical Writing (One "Analyze an Issue" Task)	30 minutes
Verbal Reasoning (two sections; 27 questions)	41 minutes
Quantitative Reasoning (two sections; 27 questions)	47 minutes
Total "seat" Time: 1 hours, 58 minutes	
Each test may include research sections which are not scored and not part of your final score	

*Last day to take GRE varies by school. Consult individual programs for specific deadlines

Scoring: 130-170 per section for Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning, scored in 1-point increments. Writing is scored 0-6, in ½ point increments. Total score range of 260-340. Your official scores will be available in your ETS Account and sent to your score recipients approx. 8-10 days after your test date. Official scores must be submitted by the VMCAS deadline.

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

Application Service: Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) www.aavmc.org/vmcas
Contact VMCAS customer service with questions: support@vmcas.my.liaison.com or (617) 612-2884

VMCAS 2026 Applicant Guide
VMCAS Applicant Help Center: https://help.liaisonedu.com/VMCAS_Applicant_Help_Center

Fee: $241 for one school; $132 for each additional school. See Help Center for more information.
Fee is non-refundable, must be paid online by credit/debit card. A limited number of fee waivers are provided on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified individuals. Includes the cost of the initial application fee.

Transcripts: Transcripts must be sent from EACH school you have attended. GVSU transcripts can be sent electronically (see Registrar's Office for info). If sending through mail, a Transcript Request Form (download from VMCAS) MUST accompany official transcripts by VMCAS deadline. After your VMCAS application has been verified, you can send updated coursework during Academic Update periods. We advise that you get an official transcript to use for the transcript entry process.

Re-applicants: Info such as coursework, test scores and transcripts will rollover from a previous application. Letters of evaluation, essays, payments and program-specific information will not transfer to a new application.

Repeat Grades: Enter ALL attempts at courses, regardless of repeats or grades of W. VMCAS counts ALL attempts of a repeated course in the GPA calculations.

Personal statement: Up to 3,000 characters (with spaces) to explain why you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

Related Work & Activities: Enter veterinary experience, animal experience, employment, extracurricular activities, volunteer, research, and honors and awards; each experience has room for a brief description (700 characters, including spaces). VMCAS does allow for high school experiences, but nothing from middle school or earlier. Only list one vet name (supervisor) if you worked at a clinic with multiple vets. Only completed experiences will be listed, NO FUTURE experiences are accepted.

Explanation Statement: While this section is NOT REQUIRED, you can use it to record information that could not be listed anywhere else within the application to provide the admissions committee(s) additional information that you consider vital to your application. This might include missing parental information, disciplinary action(s), COVID-19 impact, etc. You have 3,000 characters (including spaces) for this statement.

Letters of Evaluations (LOEs): VMCAS requires a minimum of 3 letters of evaluation to be requested (max. 6). A committee letter is not required, and most vet schools prefer individual letters of evaluation. A mix of letters from faculty and practicing veterinarians is recommended, be mindful of individual school requirements regarding letters. Evaluators will submit letters directly to VMCAS which MUST be submitted by the application deadline thus it is important to identify evaluators early.

Supplemental Applications: You will complete a "program page" for each school you apply to within VMCAS. You may also be asked to complete an external secondary application from schools. All external fees and materials should be submitted directly to the school. Be mindful of deadlines and completing supplemental applications in a timely manner, we advise no longer than two weeks.

CASPer: CASPer is an online, open-response situational judgement test. For more info, visit https://acuityinsights.app/.

Verification: During verification, VMCAS performs a line-by-line comparison of the information you entered in the Coursework section of the application with the information on your official transcript(s). It can take up to 10 business days for completed applications to be verified.

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.

Application Cycle	
Mid-January	VMCAS Opens
Early May	Students can begin selecting DVM programs
Mid-September	ALL application materials (i.e., LOEs, Official Transcripts, test scores) are due to VMCAS. ***Submit everything in August*** *in order to ensure you meet this deadline.*
It can take up to 10 business days for application verification after transcripts are received by VMCAS.	
September – January	Schools process applications; Applicants can provide academic updates in VMCAS.
December – March	Initial Decisions/Offers are made
Mid-April	Acceptance decisions are due from applicants

As of this publication, there are 33 accredited veterinary schools in the United States. There are five (5) accredited Canadian vet schools, and 17 accredited international vet schools. Most schools utilize VMCAS for applications, but not all. Most schools have a fall program start.