

Pre-Veterinary Parallel Planning

- What year are you?
- Have you considered a parallel plan?

Parallel Planning is for Everyone

- Secondary admit programs
- Graduate school planning
- Career shifts and opportunities



Reasons to Have a Parallel Plan

- Competitive admissions
- Academically disengaged
- Lower grades
- Economic concerns
- Occupational demands
- Career passions
- Differing skillset
- Personality fit



Veterinary School Placement History (2016-2017 known applicants)

2019 GPAs
Average accepted:
3.33
Average non- accepted:
3.27

2019 GPA > 3.4
All applicants: 6
Accepted applicants: 2

	Cumulative 2012-2019		
	Number Applied	Number Accepted	Percentage Accepted
2019	14	7	50%
2018	27	13	48%
2017	17	14	82%
2016	20	13	65%
Total	78	47	60%

- Approximately 120 GVSU Pre-Vet Students
- 30 per class
- 15-20 apply per cycle
- 60% Accepted
- Where do the others go?

Pre Veterinary Parallel Planning Examples

- Students actively pursuing vet school
 - Vet school
 - Exploring careers with animals
- Students considering vet school and alternative majors/careers
 - Exploring careers with animals
 - Exploring majors/careers not involving animals
- Students ready to transition away from animal careers
 - Explore new majors/career pathways

Animal Related Careers and Job Titles

- Animal Control Worker
- Pharmaceutical Representative
- Conservation and Forest Technicians
- Breeder
- Conservation Biologist
- Zoologist
- Conservation Land Managers
- Animal Groomer
- Environmental educator
- Wildlife Biologist
- Marine Rescue Officer
- Animal Shelter Manager
- Wildlife Rehabilitator
- Park Ranger
- Marine Mammal Trainer
- K9 Unit Officer/Trainer
- Conservation Officer
- Animal Clinic Owner
- Ecotourism Program Manager

Michigan Animal Related Employers

- Food and Drug Administration
- Charles River Laboratories
- Michigan Humane Society
- Rescue Organizations
- Herbrucks Poultry Ranch
- Great Lakes Indian, Fish, and Wildlife Commission
- Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
- Department of Agriculture
- Zoetis
- Nueogen
- Detroit and John Ball Zoos
- Aquariums
- Farms
- Ranches
- Animal caretaking private business

Parallel Planning Myths

- You have to change your major
- You need a minor to graduate
- If you do change your major, it will push back graduation
- You have to retake classes if I change my major
- You can't do anything with a _____ degree

Considering careers outside of veterinary sciences? Ask yourself:

- What have you learned about yourself during your time in college?
- What topics/classes have you enjoyed?
- What classes do you dislike? Why?
- What did you like about your past volunteering/work experiences?
- What are your skills?
- What are your strengths?
- What have do you enjoy doing for fun?
- Is there a professional you admire?
- What have you always wanted to try, but have never done?
- Do you want to work with animals? How so?

Industries Outside of Animal Sciences

- Arts and Entertainment
- Business
- Communications
- Education
- Engineering and Computer Sciences
- Environmental Services
- Government
- International Affairs
- Law and Public Policy
- Non-profit
- Biological and Physical Sciences
- Military
- Human Services
- Hospitality

Start Your Research Today!

- Check out the Career Center Resources
- To explore how majors connect to jobs check out:
 - What Can I Do With This Major
 - Career Guides
- If you are completely undecided:
 - Schedule a career exploration appointment through Handshake
 - Complete the PathwayU assessments
 - Don't panic, The Career Center is here to help

Career Planning Next Steps

- Diversify your experiences
- Advance in your experiences
- Consider internships
- Continue to network
- Assess your skills, seek out new skills
- What are your summer plans?



Your Next Steps

- Meet with your academic advisor
- Schedule a parallel planning appointment at the Career Center
- Complete PathwayU assessments
- Review major/program options at GV
- Explore programs outside of GV
- Use your resources
- Consider your timeline