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 an 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)

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- 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 you enjoyed 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

Grand Valley State University Career Center
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