PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

Important general information

Students interested in the pre-veterinary medicine advising track must obtain a bachelor’s degree and complete the necessary prerequisites in order to apply for veterinary school. Those interested in veterinary school should consult with a pre-professional health adviser to learn about requirements that are specific to the schools of veterinary medicine to which they hope to apply.

Admission to and completion of a pre-veterinary medicine program or advising track does not constitute admission to a veterinary school.

If interested in preparing for veterinary school, students should declare an academic major while also declaring their pre-veterinary advising track through the Office of Pre-Professional Health Advising. Students do not earn a pre-veterinary medicine degree. If unsure of their academic majors initially, students should clarify their academic interests through regular conversations with their advisers. Pre-veterinary medicine students are encouraged to major in fields of greatest interest to them.

Prerequisites for veterinary school

The GRE is taken prior to application to veterinary school and those scores are weighed heavily in admissions decisions. Students registered to take the GRE are strongly advised to prepare thoroughly through self-directed study or through a prep course.

Science and non-science courses required for veterinary school

General biology, cell biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry and physics are required science prerequisites for admission to veterinary school.

Other science courses, including genetics, animal physiology, comparative vertebrate anatomy and microbiology are strongly recommended for pre-veterinary students.