



Each entering class is welcomed with an orientation and the White Coat Ceremony, which signifies dedication to the profession.

Submitting an Application

All applicants must apply through the on-line Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) Web site (<https://www.vmcas.org>). This centralized application service allows you to apply to multiple schools with one application.

UC Davis does not require a supplemental application. All college transcripts and GRE scores are mailed directly to the school, and letters of evaluation are submitted through VMCAS. The application service is available through VMCAS in June.

The application deadline is October 1 every year. October 1 is also the last acceptable date to take the GRE.

Please review all requirements prior to submitting the application.



Admission to the School of Veterinary Medicine

Academic Requirements

1. Applicants must have completed 108 quarter units or 72 semester units at a college or university accredited by an agency approved by the U.S. Department of Education before entering the School of Veterinary Medicine. Only lower-division courses may be completed at a community college.

This course work must include the required sciences, 12 quarter units of required English, 12 quarter units of required humanities/social sciences, and four quarter units of required statistics. (To convert semester units into quarter units, multiply the semester units by three, then divide the total by two. For example, a four-unit semester course is equivalent to a six-unit course in the quarter system).

The required science courses are described in the *UC Davis General Catalog*. Courses taken at other institutions may vary in the number of units; therefore, individual course content must be comparable to the equivalent course taught at UC Davis.

2. All applicants are required to take the General Aptitude Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

The deadline for the computer-based test administration is October 1. A GRE taken after this deadline for the year the application is filed will not be accepted for consideration. The GRE must be taken within a five-year period prior to applying for veterinary school. When the GRE has been taken more than once, the highest score will be used.

GRE registration information may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service or by calling 1-800-GRE-CALL. You may also visit GRE online (www.gre.org).

3. The minimum acceptable grade point average (GPA) for both required sciences and cumulative college course work is 2.50 on a four-point scale (A=4).

Computation of minimum grade point averages is based on all undergraduate and graduate course work completed at the time of application. Course work in progress during the fall term or later is not considered in calculating grade point averages.

Any course for which a grade of C- or better was earned may not be repeated for the purpose of computing the required science GPA. When courses are repeated in the required sciences, the most recent grade will be used to compute the grade point average for no more than eight quarter units of required science work. In cases where repeated course work exceeds eight quarter units, or when calculating the cumulative and the last two years' grade point average, both the original course grade and the repeated course grade will be used. **All graded required science courses must be completed with a C- or higher before matriculation.**

Applicants not meeting the required minimum grade point average of 2.50 can qualify for consideration for admission by scoring in the upper 30th percentile on the GRE. In cases where transcripts do not carry letter grades, applicants qualify for admission either by scoring in the upper 30th percentile on the GRE or having received a bachelor's degree with honors at graduation.