

## COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

The University of Illinois is located 140 miles south of Chicago in Urbana-Champaign. The College of Veterinary Medicine is situated on 40 acres at the southern edge of the university campus. The veterinary medicine complex consists of the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital, containing the large and small animal clinics, the Wildlife Medical Clinic and the Veterinary Medicine Basic Sciences Building, containing teaching classrooms and laboratories and the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. There are more than 100 full-time faculty members actively involved in the teaching, research, and public service activities of the college.

**CURRICULUM:** The current curriculum is a core-elective program with 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical rotations. A dynamic re-designed curriculum featuring early entry to clinical experiences is planned for introduction in 2009 or 2010.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** All applicants must apply through VMCAS. Transcripts must be sent directly to the College after June 1, 2009. All applicants will need to visit our web site for complete details of the most current requirements for the admission process. A supplemental application, available on-line at <https://admissions.vetmed.illinois.edu>, is required. The non-refundable mandatory processing fee of \$60 (U.S. citizen), \$75 (foreign) must be paid only by credit card on the supplemental application. Only qualified competitive applicants will be considered for the mandatory personal interview.

**SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:** approximately 120 (approximately 90 IL residents, 30 non-residents)

**DEADLINE DATE:** The VMCAS application and three letters of recommendation must be submitted no later than October 2, 2009 at noon EDT. The supplemental application and the non-refundable processing fee must be submitted no later than October 2 at noon EDT. All transcripts must be postmarked no later than October 2.

**CLASSES BEGIN:** late August. A required orientation precedes the start of classes. VLE (Veterinary Leadership Experience) is offered as well.

**TUITION AND FEES:** For 2008-2009, resident/per year: \$21,392; non-resident/per year: \$39,856 (subject to change).

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The minimum cumulative GPA accepted is 2.75/4.0 and 2.75/4.0 science GPA. Based on previous class data, please be aware that if you do not significantly exceed minimum GPA requirements, you will most likely NOT be

a competitive applicant. The average statistics for those applicants making it past Admissions Phase I in 2008 were 3.59 cumulative GPA, 3.48 science GPA, and 63% GRE<sup>®</sup> composite. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE<sup>®</sup>) General Test is required (Institution code 1836, Dept 0617). **The only valid test scores acceptable are tests taken between September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009. All three components of the GRE must be completed as one exam.** Tests taken before or after these dates will be unacceptable. All GRE<sup>®</sup> scores must be received **electronically by October 2, 2009.** No science prerequisite course with a grade lower than C- will be accepted to meet admissions requirements. Applicants must have no more than two uncompleted prerequisite courses following the fall term in which they submit their application. All prerequisites must be complete by the end of the Spring 2010 term. No more than 5 letters of recommendation will be accepted and no less than 3. At least one letter must be from a veterinarian familiar with the student's potential and motivation. Applicants may be admitted to the College through either of two plans:

**Plan A:** (with a BS/BA degree)

- a. Eight semester hours of biological sciences with laboratories.
- b. Sixteen semester hours of chemical sciences, including biochemistry; inorganic and organic chemistry must have laboratories (3 laboratories required).
- c. Eight semester hours of physics with laboratories.

**Plan B:** (without a BS/BA degree)

**a, b, and c — same as Plan A**

- d. Three semester hours of English composition and an additional three hours of English composition and/or speech/communication.
- e. Twelve semester hours of humanities and/or social sciences.
- f. Twelve semester hours of junior/senior level (or graduate-level) science courses in addition to the requirements listed above. These courses could include, but are not limited to, any of the following: advanced biology, anatomy, genetics, microbiology, physiology, zoology.

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