

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Oregon State University (OSU) is one of only two universities in the United States to hold the Land Grant, Sea Grant, Sun Grant, and Space Grant designations, and is one of only four doctoral-granting universities in the Pacific Northwest to hold the designation of “very high research” by the Carnegie Foundation. OSU is located in Corvallis, a community of 54,000 people situated in the Willamette Valley between Portland and Eugene. Ocean beaches, lakes, rivers, forests, high desert, and the rugged Cascade and Coast Ranges are all within a 100-mile drive of Corvallis.

The first class of veterinary students entered Oregon State University in the fall of 1979, coinciding with the opening of the university's large animal hospital. Starting with the class entering in 2003, the College has been able to offer a fully accredited, four year program in Corvallis. The OSU College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) supports small animal, equine, camelid, and food animal medicine and surgery as well as diagnostic and pathology services. The College opened a state-of-the-art small animal hospital in 2005 and the large animal facility is currently undergoing renovation and expansion which is scheduled to be completed in 2008. The College faculty is also growing dramatically. Faculty numbers have nearly doubled in the last three years and will continue to rise as new positions are added in key areas of the program.

CURRICULUM: The first three years of the curriculum consist of lecture/laboratory courses incorporating case-based, clinical, and traditional learning techniques. In the fourth year, students design an individualized curriculum consisting of required rotations and elective courses in various specialties. Student education is enhanced by the small class size (approximately 48 students), excellent student to faculty ratio, and outstanding opportunities for “hands-on” clinical experience.

ADMISSION PROCESS: All applicants must complete the VMCAS application. Three letters of recommendation are required (at least one from a veterinarian) and must be submitted electronically to VMCAS. A supplemental application is also required and must be submitted directly to OSU CVM. GRE scores, official transcripts, and AP/CLEP score reports must also be submitted directly

to OSU CVM. After initial application review and screening, interviews may be offered to Oregon resident applicants and are conducted in February. Currently, interviews are not required for nonresident applicants.

SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS: 48.

Approximately 40 positions are reserved for Oregon residents and 8 positions for nonresidents (including applicants from WICHE states).

DEADLINE DATE: All application materials must be received by October 2, 2008. **Please note that all VMCAS materials, including three letters of recommendation must be received by VMCAS no later than noon, EDT, October 2, 2008.** Application materials include a VMCAS application, an OSU CVM supplemental application (including signature), three letters of recommendation (at least one from a veterinarian), GRE scores, official transcripts (including official evaluation of non-education abroad foreign transcripts), and AP/CLEP score reports from each college and/or university attended. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all documents are received by the deadline. Official fall transcripts are due January 15, 2009.

CLASSES BEGIN: Late September.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE: \$50. Please make checks payable to OSU CVM. The OSU CVM supplemental fee and signed application must be received by October 2, 2008.

ADMISSION DEPOSIT: An additional deposit of \$50 to OSU is required upon offer and acceptance of a position in the class.

TUITION AND FEES: (2007-2008) \$16,567 for Oregon residents and WICHE students; \$31,987 for nonresident students. Tuition and fees are subject to change annually.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicants are selected based upon foreseen likelihood of academic success in the veterinary curriculum and demonstration of qualities deemed valuable in a veterinarian. Academic criteria include: undergraduate and graduate grades, quantity and

quality of upper division science courses, performance in prerequisite courses, academic credit load, and work and/or family demands during school. In addition, applicants are required to take the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE must be taken within a five-year period prior to applying to veterinary school. GRE scores must be received by the application deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all documents are received by the deadline.

Nonacademic factors considered include interpersonal skills, communication skills, compassion, integrity, maturity, motivation, civic and community-mindedness, diversity of interests and activities, leadership in student and/or community organizations, scientific inquisitiveness, and analytical skills. Applicants are expected to have exposure to and an understanding of the veterinary profession. Veterinary experience may be gained by working or volunteering in research laboratories, clinical practice, animal shelters, zoos, animal rehabilitation facilities, or public health, regulatory, and industrial settings. Other animal-related experiences including raising and caring for different species of animals will also be evaluated.

Academic and nonacademic factors are determined by evaluation of the VMCAS application, supplemental application, letters of recommendation, and the interview (Oregon residents only).

Course prerequisites for admission:

General Chemistry	A course sequence of inorganic chemistry with laboratories (at least 15 quarter or 8 semester credits).
Organic Chemistry	A course sequence of organic chemistry sufficient to meet requirements for upper division biochemistry.
Biochemistry	A course sequence in upper division biochemistry.
Physics	A course sequence in physics for science majors (at least 12 quarter or 8 semester credits).
Mathematics	A course in calculus (at least 3 quarter or 2 semester credits).
Statistics	A course(s) in statistics (at least 4 quarter or 3 semester credits).
Biology	A course sequence of biology (at least 12 quarter or 8 semester credits).
Animal	A course in general animal

Nutrition	nutrition (at least 3 quarter or 2 semester credits).
Genetics	A course in upper division genetics (at least 4 quarter or 3 semester credits).
Physiology	A course in animal or human physiology (at least 3 quarter or 2 semester credits).
Biological Sciences	A minimum of at least 6 additional quarter or 4 additional semester credits of upper division biological science courses with at least one laboratory.

General Education Course Requirements

These requirements will be considered met if the applicant has a bachelor's degree by July 1 of the year in which they are accepted into the program.

English	At least 6 quarter or 4 semester credits of English writing (e.g. English composition, technical writing).
Public Speaking	At least 3 quarter or 2 semester credits of public speaking.
Humanities/Social Sciences	At least 12 quarter or 8 semester credits of humanities or social sciences courses.

All prerequisite courses taken after August 2004 must be graded on an A-F scale and not taken as pass/fail. Any grade below C- in a prerequisite course is considered unsatisfactory and the course cannot be accepted to fulfill a requirement. Applicants can fulfill the requirement by repeating the same course or by substituting a higher-level course in the same field as that of the required course. A student who attends an institution that traditionally does not provide grades will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. In addition to the prerequisite courses, applicants are encouraged to take elective courses to better prepare them for the veterinary curriculum and profession. Suggested elective courses include: animal science courses, business-related courses, embryology and microbiology.

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