

# COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES

The University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine is located on the 540-acre St. Paul campus in the heart of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. The College of Veterinary Medicine is part of the Academic Health Center at the University of Minnesota including schools of Medicine, Public Health, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Nursing.

**CURRICULUM:** The college has a highly integrated curriculum for the first three years of the DVM program featuring more clinical skills and hands-on experience than found in most veterinary programs. The fourth year consists of 14 months of clinical rotations including ten weeks of externship experience. During the final portion of the curriculum, students may track into either companion animal, food animal, equine, mixed practice or an interdisciplinary track. Minnesota maintains a strong food animal program with its internationally recognized programs in swine and dairy medicine. The college's small animal hospital is one of the busiest in the nation with an average of over 35,000 cases a year seen at our medical center located in the heart of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area.

A new dual degree program has been established with the School of Public Health that allows veterinary students to earn a Master of Public Health degree while pursuing their veterinary program. The new dual program allows veterinary graduates to more effectively compete for positions that deal with the interface of human and animal health.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** The University of Minnesota admits a class of 90 students each fall semester. All applicants must apply through VMCAS. Our "evaluation of applicants" includes review of your academic credentials (GPA in required pre-veterinary courses, GPA on your most recent 45 semester hours and GRE results), review of the non-academic portions of your application (animal and veterinary experiences, personal statement, references, etc.) and a personal on-campus interview with selected applicants.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their application to VMCAS early to avoid last minute web congestion. Applicants will be notified in March of the College's decision on their application.

**DEADLINE DATE:** The VMCAS application must be submitted no later than October 1. The University of Minnesota requires the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and those results must also be received by October 1.

**CLASSES BEGIN:** The University of Minnesota is on a fourteen week semester calendar with classes beginning after Labor Day and ending in mid-May. A three-day new student orientation precedes the start of fall semester classes.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE:** \$50. Do not send to VMCAS. You will be contacted by the college after VMCAS processes your application.

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$250 is required of all students offered admission to hold a position in the class and will be credited toward tuition at matriculation.

**TUITION AND FEES:** Anticipated tuition and fees for the 2004-05 academic year are approximately \$16,800 for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba residents; approximately \$33,100 for non-residents (subject to change). All students pay a university student services fee of approximately \$650 a year.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Approximately 60% of the seats in the incoming class are reserved for residents of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba Canada. Admission of non-resident students is limited to approximately 35 seats. Applications from international students are not considered unless substantial portions of the pre-veterinary course work are taken at a U.S. college or university. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE<sup>®</sup>) General Test are required and should be received by October 1st. (GRE<sup>®</sup> Code 6904). A bachelor's degree is not required. Students admitted to the college without the bachelor's degree must meet the university's Liberal Education requirements if they wish to receive the bachelor's degree in veterinary science at the end of the second year of the DVM program.

Prerequisite courses for entrance into the college must include:

English Composition *	3-9
* (Graduation requirement of your college)	
General Chemistry with lab	8-12
Organic Chemistry with lab (two quarters or one semester)	5-10
Biochemistry (no lab required)	3-5
College Algebra, Pre-calculus or Calculus	3-5
General Biology with lab	3-5
Zoology or Animal Biology with lab *	3-5
* (or the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester of a two-term biology sequence)	
Genetics	3-5
Microbiology with lab	3-5
Physics with lab	8-12
Social Sciences	6-9
Humanities	6-9
Total Semester Hour Credits	54-91

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