I've applied to UH, and am waiting to receive my acceptance, what should I be doing now?

First of all, congratulations on finishing your application! Now, as you await replies from colleges, we suggest that you continue getting involved in your community (both with animals and people) and gaining experience with animals large and small. Additionally, you may want to compile all the experience you have gathered over the years, whether they be jobs, volunteering, awards, or special recognition, and compile your very own resume so that you are prepared for any interview.

How important are grades really?

Grades are crucial! There are very few veterinary schools in the United States relative to the number of applicants, making the competition fierce. Excellent grades and academic standing are only the bare minimum to apply, they form the basics on every applicants resume. So in addition to standing out through community service and work, you must also uphold the standards of academia.

What if I am interested in becoming a veterinarian but I don’t want to major in a math or science?

Although we would strongly encourage you to major in either a math or science, we realize that it may not necessarily be for you. The good news is that you may major in anything you want, as long as you fulfill the class requirements for the veterinary school you are applying to. (Look up class requirements for veterinary schools at AAVMC’s website listed inside this brochure).

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**Look up “Pre Veterinary Club at University of Hawaii” on Facebook too!**

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Here and now...

Your high school career is winding down and you are in the last couple years of your high school education. You may have already given some thought to your future, but now is when the real planning begins. Do you excel in science? Do you have an interest in animals, large or small, and have concern for their general well-being?

....If you answered yes to any or all of the questions, you should consider the path of veterinary medicine.

In considering this path, you should know that it is not just a matter of saying out loud, “I want to be a veterinarian!” It means a lot of hard work and ambition, but work that will be rewarding.

Even though you are still in high school, there are some things you can do to prepare yourself for your future.

- Get good grades. (This is very important.)
- Get involved in your school (clubs, organizations, leadership positions) Stand out!
- Get involved in your community. Volunteer!

What to look forward to...

In college, life will change a great deal, but it is important to stay focused. While in high school you should do some research on what requirements you need to meet in college in order to get into veterinary school. This way, you are choosing classes and signing up for activities you need. Advisors are always there to help, but you are your own best advocate and are ultimately responsible for and effected by the outcome. So remember...

University of Hawaii at Manoa...

The University of Hawaii at Manoa is just the college to achieve all your goals. It is not only a beautiful and unique environment to get an education, but it has numerous resources that will benefit you on your path to success. It has small classes, helpful faculty and staff, an constantly expanding Pre-Veterinary club, and a supportive network of students to help you on your path.

Where to look for some guidance...

When researching veterinary medicine as a possible career path, check out these sites for more information!

- http://www.aavmc.org
  The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges is a good source to learn about what requirements must be met for veterinary school.

- http://www2.hawaii.edu/~prevet
  This is University of Hawaii’s own Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club. Use this site to get an idea of what you can do at UH to assist in your goals. Make sure to contact them if you have any questions or concerns! (contact info on back)

  CTAHR (College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources) is the home of the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program and the Animal Science Program.

Dreaming Big

What You Want

How?