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Pre-Veterinary Program

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Welcome to the Pre-Veterinary Program informational site! Veterinary Medicine is an amazing profession that is responsible for the health and well-being of all animals ranging from companion animals, farm animals and wildlife to marine mammals, exotics and laboratory animals. This page is currently under construction, but will include information regarding preparation for admission to veterinary school including topics on pre-veterinary advising, degree options, selecting coursework, how to apply for veterinary school admission, animal experience, financial considerations, tips for success, the pre-veterinary club, scholarships, resources and guides, and career opportunities as a veterinarian. Keep checking back since the site will be updated soon.

The pre-veterinary program is not a degree granting major, it is simply an advising program to better prepare you for application to veterinary school. The pre-veterinary program has a dedicated advisor that knows veterinary school admission requirements, application steps, and can provide you with resources to improve your knowledge regarding the admissions process. Each veterinary school has its own admission requirements, but a strong foundation in the sciences, effective communication skills, and a strong desire to learn is key to success. Advising from our program is beneficial for you, but ultimately it is up to you to take your academics seriously and put forth the effort needed to ensure your admittance into veterinary school. The day you receive your veterinary diploma and can call yourself a member of the veterinary profession, you'll look back and know it was all worth it.

Hawaii does not have a veterinary school and is part of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) that allows for a limited number of students to attend veterinary schools that are part of WICHE and pay in-state tuition. Students that attend veterinary schools in non-WICHE states will pay out-of-state tuition. Currently, there are 28 US veterinary schools and each has unique admission standards and requirements; therefore students must consult information from each school they are planning to apply for admission. The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) has on-line resources for all of the US veterinary schools and provides information regarding the application process.

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Pre-veterinary advising

The pre-veterinary program has a dedicated advisor to help you plan your undergraduate studies and experience to prepare you for veterinary school and maximize your chances for admission.

Appointments can be made by sending an email:

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VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

[American Veterinary Medical Association](#)

[Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges](#) - links to VMCAS (Veterinary Medical Colleges Application Service), admission statistics and other links

[Veterinary Medical Colleges Application Service](#) (VMCAS)