FAQ
Where do I submit my application materials?
- For most schools in the U.S., applications must be submitted through the Veterinary Medical College Application Services (VMCAS) website. Contact the vet school’s admissions by e-mail or refer to their website for specific requirements.

Do all the prerequisites have to be completed before submitting the application?
- This varies by school. Some vet schools do not require you to complete all prerequisites prior to applying. Some vet schools require prerequisites to be completed the spring or summer semester prior to the matriculation. Check with the vet school for their prerequisite requirements.

Can I take the MCAT instead of the GRE?
- This varies by each school, but most schools prefer and accept the GRE over the MCAT.

Want More Information?
To learn more, contact the pre-veterinary program at:
prevetprogram@ctahr.hawaii.edu

Helpful web sites:
www.vmcas.org
www.aavmc.org
www.gre.org
http://www.wiche.edu/sep/psep/vetmed.asp
http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/hnfas/degrees/undergrad/preVet.html#club
http://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/pac/health/health-veterinary-medicine/
Veterinarian's Oath

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

Before you apply:
- Take the GRE early (before applying)
- Finalize your resume/CV
  - Work experience, volunteer activities, leadership, community service, club involvement
- Look at each veterinary school to see if you meet the prerequisites (list of all veterinary schools in U.S. is at www.aavmc.org)
- Know which schools require supplemental applications
- Obtain 3 letters of references (must be sent electronically to VMCAS and directly, to some schools)
  - Try to allow references ample time to write and submit letter

During application process:
- Ensure final grades and transcripts have been submitted
- Make sure the GRE is taken early enough to ensure scores are received by the veterinary schools on time
  - Retaking the GRE is allowed too. Most veterinary schools will take the highest cumulative score.
- Check e-mails daily for updates to application status.
- Apply for financial aid

Important dates:
- VMCAS due September 15th
- WICHE apps due October 15th
- Deadline for supplemental applications vary by school

After applying:
- Notifications for interviews?
  - Participate in mock interviews with pre-veterinary club, PAC, Mānoa Career Center
- Application declined?
  - Request review of application before deadline (varies by school) to see what can be improved for next application cycle

You’ve been accepted!

Congratulations! Now the real fun begins!

The UH Mānoa Pre-Veterinary Program is excited to see your future in this wonderful profession!