

Frequently Asked Questions: Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Is application to vet school a separate process from application to college?

Yes

Must students attend Auburn University for the pre-vet experience to go to Auburn's vet school?

No, although most students in the Alabama pool have attended Auburn, many have not. It is important, though, that students have the pre-vet experience at a credible academic institution.

Can students attend Auburn for the pre-vet experience and subsequently go to another vet school?

Yes.

How competitive is admission to vet school?

Admission to vet school is always competitive, and more students apply than are accepted. In recent years the size of the Alabama applicant pool has been about 3 times the size of the accepted pool. In other words, chances are about one in three for acceptance.

What sorts of grades must students earn to stand a reasonably good chance of being accepted?

The average GPA of those students admitted in the Alabama pool was nearly a 3.5. Few students with a GPA less than 3.0 are admitted, although these standards can vary from school to school and from year to year.

When do students apply to vet school?

Applications are due on November 1, about one calendar year prior to the date of entry for vet school.

Must students have any particular major in college to go to vet school?

No, students only have to complete the pre-vet admission requirements.

If students already have a degree, do they still have to take all the pre-vet requirements?

Individuals who have a bachelor's degree from any accredited institution do not have to take Auburn's core courses. All other pre-vet courses or their equivalents are required. Organic chemistry and physics courses must have been completed within six calendar years prior to the anticipated date of enrollment in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

How many students are accepted into Auburn University's Vet School each year?

Ninety students are accepted each year, 46 students in the Alabama pool, 34 students in

the Kentucky pool, and 10 in the at-large pool. Official residency on the date of submitting the application dictates the pool in which the application will be placed.

What is the current job market for veterinarians?

The current job market is good, and Auburn graduates have little trouble in finding employment.

How many years does it take to become a veterinarian?

Training to become a veterinarian involves a college (pre-vet) and a vet school experience. The pre-vet experience requires at least 3 years, and vet school requires 4 years.