



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS PRE-VETERINARY

HELPFUL WEBSITES

CSU Pre-Professional Programs
www.csuohio.edu/sciences/preprof

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
www.aavmc.org

Veterinary Medical College Application Service
<https://portal.vmcas.org>

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine
<http://www.rossu.edu/veterinary-school/>

The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine
www.vet.osu.edu

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PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

PRE-VETERINARY

The Office of Pre-Professional Health Programs mission is to serve all students, prospective through alumni and post baccalaureate, seeking entry into professional health schools by providing resources, application assistance, mock interviews and by supporting individual student goals.

Cleveland State University is fortunate to have a partnership program with Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (RUSVM), an American Veterinary Medicine accredited institution outside of the United States. Ross University SVM is located on the island of St. Kitts.

In addition to the requirements outlined, students are also required to:

- Maintain an overall Grade Point Average of 3.2 or higher
- A Grade Point Average of 3.00 or higher in all courses designated by RUSVM (all prerequisite coursework must have been completed within the past 10 years)
- A score in the 25th percentile or better in each category of the Graduate Record Examination (in the case of multiple attempts, the highest score is taken from each section)

Ross University and Cleveland State University recommend that a student earn the baccalaureate degree from Cleveland State and apply for the partnership at the end of the third year. Students will work with the Office of Pre-Professional Health Programs regarding prerequisites and outside of the classroom experiences. Should a student want to apply to other veterinary medical schools, students need to research prerequisite courses and requirements.

If you have questions about specific course requirements, reach out to the Office of Pre-Professional Health Programs.

ABBREVIATED TIMELINE

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Maintain a strong GPA.
- Attend pre-health meetings on campus to get involved.
- Get to know professors in early prerequisite courses.
- Explore medical careers by starting to shadow and volunteer.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Maintain a strong GPA.
- Pursue meaningful experiences through medically related activities.
- Develop relationships with faculty and mentors that could serve as references.

JUNIOR YEAR OR APPLICATION YEAR

- Maintain a strong GPA.
- Attend Applicant Track to learn about application and test preparation process. Meet with Pre-Prof Health Programs office to plan individual timeline and goals.
- Plan a timeline/study schedule for GRE and sign up for a test date in spring or early summer after Junior year.
- Consider who you will ask for letters of reference and schedule meetings to ask them.
- Research OT schools and complete applications over the summer.
- Write your Personal Statement and have at least three people review it.
- Familiarize yourself with the OTCAS application.

SENIOR YEAR OR INTERVIEW YEAR

- Maintain a strong GPA.
- Continue meaningful experiences related to the field.
- Complete secondary applications in a timely manner.
- Prepare for interviews and schedule mock interview.
- Make final decisions on plans for OT school or actively seek out Plan B/Gap Year options.

Veterinary science involves working with animals as patients and working with others to aid in the holistic care of animals. Veterinarians are responsible for treating and diagnosing disease, preventing disease, providing care to a wide range of animals or specializing in the care of one species, and working with animal owners regarding best practices of care.

Being pre-veterinary at Cleveland State University is not a major. Most pre-veterinary students choose to major in Biology, but you can choose any major and complete the prerequisites for veterinary school.

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

BIO 200/201/202/203 Principles of Biology I and II

CHM 261/262/266/267 General Chemistry I and II

CHM 331/336 Organic Chemistry I/Lab

PHY 221 OR 231 College Physics I OR Physics for Biomed Applications I

BIO 306/307 or CHM 402 Biochemistry

BIO 308/309 OR 310/311 Cell Biology OR Genetics

ENG 101 English Composition

STA 147 OR MTH 167 OR 168 OR 181 Choose at least one of: Statistics, Pre-Calculus I/II, Calculus I

Nine semester hours of electives. Choose at least one from approved list: Comparative Anatomy, Med Terminology, Microbiology, Nutrition, Physiology, Foreign Language, Public Speaking and Introduction to Business.

Additional Course Recommendations: Please review other school requirements as the average applicant applies to 4-7 veterinary programs.

The above list is not comprehensive for all veterinary schools and programs. Each school may have slightly different requirements and it is the responsibility of the student to take prerequisite courses according to the schools they plan to apply to.

PRE-VET CLUB

The purpose of the Pre-Vet Club is to unite pre-veterinary students at Cleveland State University and ultimately prepare each member to successfully matriculate into veterinary school. It is our desire to increase awareness in the field of veterinary medicine through proactive community involvement. Speakers are invited to provide additional information

about various aspects of their programs and careers. Students can also discuss the application process and learn more from one another about the field of veterinary medicine. There are also opportunities to get involved within the leadership of the organization if interested. Visit VikesConnect for more information about meetings, events, and more.

There is only one veterinary school in the state of Ohio—Ohio State University. You should also look at policies that veterinary schools have related to Advance Placement (AP), online and accepting courses taken five or more years ago. When applying to veterinary schools, admissions will consider grades from all attempts of the courses. Above are the requirements and recommendations from Ross University. If you plan to apply for other programs, it is important to research prerequisites for all schools that you plan to apply to in advance.

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