OSU DVM application process

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Application Questions:

- **Where can I get an application?**

http://www.aavmc.org/Students-Applicants-and-Advisors/Veterinary-Medical-College-Application-Service.aspx or
https://www3.cvhs.okstate.edu/admissions/

- **When is the deadline to submit an application?**

Applications must be received on or before October 2 through VMCAS.
http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=284

- **Is there a minimum GPA requirement for applications to be considered?**

Eligible applicants must have a minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.8

- **Do all of the requirements have to be completed before I submit my application?**

No. While we prefer that applicants have the majority of all required coursework completed at the time of application, pending coursework may be completed throughout the application

process. However, all required coursework must be completed prior to June 1 of the year of matriculation, if admitted. (Year of matriculation is the year you enter the DVM program.)

- **Am I required to get a letter of reference from an advisor, an employer, and a veterinarian?**

We require three letters of reference, one of which must be from a veterinarian with whom you have worked and who can evaluate your potential as a veterinarian. The other categories of references are only suggestions for the remaining two letters.

- **Where do I mail the letters of recommendation (ELOR)?**

You do not mail the letters. Letters of recommendation must be submitted electronically through VMCAS. http://www.aavmc.org/Students-Applicants-and-Advisors/Veterinary-Medical-College-Application-Service.aspx

- **On the supplemental application, it asks if I am or will be enrolled. Does that mean anywhere or just at OSU?**

It means if you are enrolled at **ANY** college for Fall and Spring classes, not just at OSU. In order to keep your file active, we must receive a transcript from you once each semester's grades have been posted.

- **When are admissions decisions made?**

Admission decisions are made the first week of March.

Transcript Questions:

- **When do I send transcripts?**

Transcripts should be sent in at the time of application – October 2. If you are currently enrolled when submitting your application, you must send an updated transcript once that semester has been completed and grades have been posted.

- **Where should I mail my transcripts?**

OSU-Center for Veterinary Health Sciences
112 Mc Elroy Hall
Stillwater, OK 74078

- **Do I send a transcript from every college I have ever attended?**

Yes. We must have an official transcript from every college or university you have attended.

- **What if the transcripts from my current school contain the grades from my previous schools?**

Even if grades from one college or university are reported on a later transcript, we still require an official transcript from every university attended.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Questions:

- **What is the deadline for taking the GRE?**

January 15 of the year of matriculation is the deadline for all GREs to be received. It typically takes GRE/ETS 4-6 weeks after the test is taken to successfully send the results so we highly encourage you to take the GRE no later than November 30th to meet this deadline.

- **Can I take the VCAT or MCAT instead of the GRE?**

No. We only accept the General GRE.

- **Do you require the GRE Biology Subject test?**

No.

- **If I do not do as well on the GRE as I would like, may I re-take the exam?**

Yes. You can take the General GRE once a month as many times as you would like. The highest score will be used when the GRE has been taken more than once.

- **How long are GRE scores good for?**

Four years.

- **What is the institution code for OSU-CVHS?**

The GRE institution code for OSU-CVHS is 6558.

Coursework Questions:

- **Do I have to take Animal Nutrition? My school does not offer it.**

Yes. You can take it through OSU Correspondence Education. http://is.okstate.edu/ Other schools offering Animal Nutrition via distance learning include Rutgers, Purdue, Kansas State, Oregon State and North Carolina State.

- **What courses must be taken at a 4 year institution?**

Animal Nutrition
Biochemistry
Animal Genetics
Organic Chemistry 1 & Lab
Organic Chemistry 2 & Lab

- **Can I use Advanced Placement (AP) credits to fulfill prerequisite courses?**

Credit earned through advanced standing is acceptable, although it is not used in the computation of the grade point average. Official credit earned from the AP exam must be reflected on your undergraduate transcripts.

- **What if my total prerequisite credit hours don't add up to 64?**

Credit hours may vary by institution. Example of acceptable discrepancies: Microbiology & Lab at OSU are worth 5 credit hours combined. At another institution Microbiology includes a lab

and is worth 4 credit hours.

- **Who can I ask if I am not sure if a course will satisfy the requirement?** dvm@postoffice.cvhs.okstate.edu

- **Which courses are required for admission to the college?** http://www.CVHS.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=116:required-preveterinary-courses&catid=7:dvm-program&Itemid=283

- **What should my college major be?**

As long as you complete the prerequisite coursework, your major does not matter. The most common majors are Animal Science, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Physiology & Zoology.

- **Does it matter how long ago I took a required course?**

Yes. Courses have to be taken within eight years of the year of application.

General Miscellaneous Questions:

- **What is the class size?**

We have 82 seats. Oklahoma residents fill 58 and 24 are filled with non-residents.

- **Is it possible to find out where I placed on the alternate list?**

No. This varies and is not an accurate reflection in determining chances of being admitted.

- **Are my chances of getting into the OSU – Center for Veterinary Health Sciences DVM Program better if I attend OSU as an undergraduate?**

No. Students may complete their pre-veterinary coursework at any accredited college or university.

- **Where can I get information about veterinary master's degree and doctoral programs?**

http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=643&Itemid=343

- **Is there such a thing as a legacy program at OSU CVHS?**

No. The OSU Legacy program is not available for CVHS students.

- **Do you interview non-resident applicants?**

No. Currently we only interview resident applicants.

Residency Questions:

- **How can I become an Oklahoma resident prior to acceptance?**

Information regarding residency can be found at: http://registrar.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id= 4&Itemid=76
or call 405-744-6876

- **Can I change my residency after I have been admitted into the OSU Vet School?**

No. The only way to change residency after acceptance is to have already been set to marry an established Oklahoma resident after beginning the OSU DVM program.