

## Health Professions: Pre-Vet

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**Majors:** Any major is okay as long as students have prerequisite courses. Common majors include Biology, Animal Science, and Animal and Poultry Science.

### Specific Course Requirements:

English 1105 and 1106

(at least 3 credit hours, not AP credit, must be in English Composition or Technical Writing)

Math 1015 and 1016 (any college math; not MASC).

If students have AP credit for math, STAT is recommended.

Biology 1005/1006 plus labs, or 1105/1106 plus labs

Chemistry 1035/1036 plus labs (not required from Vet school, but pre-req for Organic)

Chemistry 2535/2536 plus labs (organic)

BCHM 3114/3124

Physics 2205/2206 plus labs

6 Hours of Humanities/Social Sciences (combinations are ok)

**Other requirements:** "C-" or better in all required courses. Required courses in which a "D" or "F" was earned must be repeated. Both the original and repeat grades will be included in GPA calculations.

- Courses NOT considered: correspondence studies and pass/fail courses
- Coursework can be taken at any accredited 2-yr or 4-yr institution.
- For the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine: Students must complete all required course work by the end of spring semester prior to entering vet school. Students cannot complete required courses during the summer term before entering. If an applicant fails to register or withdraws from a prerequisite course projected for spring term completion their application will be removed.

**Student Organization:** Pre-vet organization @ Tech is <http://filebox.vt.edu/org/prevet>  
Several student organizations for students already in vet school.

**Resources for Students:** Web Site: <http://www.vetmed.vt.edu>

**Information Sessions:** Open house: first weekend in April. (Please check [www.vetmed.vt.edu](http://www.vetmed.vt.edu) for the scheduled date as time gets nearer.)

**Data Assembly Service:** Yes

**Admissions Test:** Competitive. Test must have been taken on or after October 1, 2002.

**GPA:**  
semester ~ 3.5 to be competitive; minimum to apply is 2.8 or 3.3 for last 45 hours providing these semester hours are junior / senior level  
~ 3 GPAs are calculated: cumulative, required science, and last 45 hours.  
~ **All** college credit is calculated, even dual enrollment.

**Interview:** Yes

## Info Tidbits:

- Encourage experience working with a vet about 400-600 hours and work in research lab. Students can gain volunteer experience in a variety of ways; there are volunteer opportunities at the Vet School, through the pre-vet club, other hospitals – animal or human. Students should also look for any research opportunities.
- Apply before October 1 of year prior to Admission. A degree is not required for admission. Depending on the home institution / department, students may apply at the beginning of their junior year and transfer back the 1<sup>st</sup> year of veterinary school to complete the undergraduate degree.
- Prefer experience with large AND small animals. Will also consider research, industrial and commercial experience; activities, achievements, and awards; personal references; and narrative which includes career goals.
- Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine weights a student's credentials as follows:
  - Academics 50%
  - Background 25%
  - Interviews (2) 25%
- Each year the school accepts 50 Virginia residents and 30 Maryland residents. Out-of-state applicants compete for up to 10 at-large positions.
- For the class of 2012, 176 VA residents were qualified, 89 interviewed, and 50 were accepted. Of MD residents, 94 applicants were qualified, 51 interviewed, and 29 were accepted.
- For the class of 2012, the average cumulative GPA of VA residents was 3.66; the combined average cumulative GPA was 3.59.
  - The average VA Science GPA was 3.61 and combined average science GPA was 3.53.
  - The average VA GPA of last 45 semester hours was 3.75; combined average was 3.69.
  - The average VA GRE aptitude score was 1825 and the combined average GRE score was 1838.

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