College of Veterinary Medicine

THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE offers a fully accredited program of training leading to the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine. The degree requires four years in the professional curriculum after completion of a pre-professional curriculum which may take four years or more for the average applicant.

Admission

Each year, approximately 120 students are admitted to the four-year program for the doctorate in veterinary medicine. Admitted students are residents of Alabama or residents of Kentucky admitted by contract through the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB); or at-large residents (non-Alabama and non-contract students). Alabama and SREB students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 system on all course work attempted. A grade of D on any required course will not be accepted. At-large (non-Alabama and non-SREB) students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. At-large applicants must be citizens of the United States and will be required to pay non-resident university fees. As part of the admissions process, the Committee on Admissions and Standards of the College of Veterinary Medicine requires a personal interview, a reading comprehension test or an examination on any required course. The College of Agriculture, the College of Sciences and Mathematics and the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences offer Pre-Veterinary curricula and are responsible for pre-veterinary counseling. In addition to academic requirements, candidates are expected to have animal experience and to have worked with a veterinarian.

All applicants must apply through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS). Additional information, including an electronic application, is available from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges at http://www.aavmc.org/. Kentucky students must provide proof of residency from their college/university or from their state council on post-secondary education.

Minimum Requirements for Pre-Veterinary Medicine

A bachelor's degree or completion of the Core Curriculum as stated in the General Information section in this Bulletin.

Specific Course Requirements

Minimum pre-veterinary requirements for Alabama residents are those listed for the pre-veterinary curriculum in either the College of Agriculture, College of Sciences and Mathematics or the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. Non-Alabama and SREB applicants must have acceptable equivalents which have been approved by the College of Veterinary Medicine.

All transfer courses must be equivalent in hours and content. Courses will not be waived on the basis of degrees or “practical experience.” Pass-Fail or Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory grades are not acceptable in required courses. Consideration will not be extended to anyone with an overall GPA of less than 2.5 or anyone who is not a bona fide resident of Alabama or Kentucky at the time of application (Non-resident/non-contract students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better).

Standardized Examination

Applicants must complete the Graduate Record Examination (verbal and quantitative) within five calendar years prior to the anticipated date of enrollment. Results of the GRE must be officially reported to the Office of Academic Affairs, College of Veterinary Medicine by September 15th.

Application Procedure

Admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine must be gained through formal application made by the VMCAS deadline preceding the fall semester in which admission is desired. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

The electronic application is available from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (www.aavmc.org). An Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine processing fee of $75 is required of all applicants. An additional $50 is required upon acceptance of all who have not previously attended Auburn University.

The final selection of students is made by the Committee on Admissions and Standards of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University. The right is reserved to accept or reject any applicant.

Under the Regional Plan for Veterinary Training, the College of Veterinary Medicine currently serves Alabama and Kentucky. The land-grant institution in each state participating under the SREB plan maintains counseling and guidance service for students desiring admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine. Students attending other institutions should contact the pre-health profession advisor in their state for information concerning admission requirements.
Scholastic Requirements

All applicants and students in the professional program are subject to the academic and disciplinary regulations of the College of Veterinary Medicine in addition to those of Auburn University.

Any student who earns less than a 2.25 GPA for any term will be placed on academic probation. A student who fails to earn a 2.25 GPA in each of the succeeding two terms of enrollment will be dropped from the rolls of the College of Veterinary Medicine for scholastic deficiency. In addition, a student who does not have a veterinary college cumulative average of 2.25 at the end of any academic year may be required to withdraw from the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Any student who receives a D in any course will be placed on academic probation. If the student receives a second D in the same calendar year or academic year, they will be required to withdraw from the College of Veterinary Medicine.

A student will be removed from academic probation after two terms, assuming they have met the terms of probation.

A student who makes a grade of F on any course will be required to withdraw from the College of Veterinary Medicine. If a student who is dismissed for academic reasons is readmitted, they may be required to repeat additional courses as deemed necessary by the Admissions and Standards Committee.

Clinical courses are unique in that the art and skills to be developed in them can be acquired only through full participation in the laboratories. Attendance in these courses is required except in case of illness or other extenuating circumstances as may be judged by the involved instructor. Grading in these clinical laboratory courses is primarily by subjective evaluation. When a course involves student rotation through several disciplines, the student must receive a passing grade in each area before a passing grade can be assigned for the course.

Any student who earns a D or F in any clinical rotation will be placed on academic probation. If the student receives a second or third D or F during clinical rotations, (i.e. D-D-F or D-D-D) that student will be required to withdraw from the College of Veterinary Medicine. If the college admissions and standards committee allows readmission, the student may be required to repeat all experiences to meet the requirements for the clinical year.

The responsibility for counseling is shared by the faculty of this College and the Department of Clinical Psychology.

Non-Scholastic Requirements

Health Insurance: Students enrolled in the professional curriculum are required to provide evidence of health insurance coverage.

Required Withdrawal

The faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine reserves the right to require the withdrawal at any time of any student who in the judgment of the admissions and standards committee is not profiting from the instruction offered, who is neglectful, irregular, dishonest or indifferent in the performance of required duties and studies or whose character or conduct is inconsistent with good order of the veterinary college or with the standard of the veterinary profession.

Requirements for Graduation

To be eligible for the DVM degree, candidates must complete all of the required courses in the order listed in the curriculum in veterinary medicine along with at least four hours of elective credit, with a minimum overall GPA of 2.25. In addition, each senior must participate in a clinicopathologic conference (CPC) to fulfill their oral communication requirement. Following completion of all academic work, each student is required to serve a preceptorship of eight weeks with an approved veterinarian. A certificate of satisfactory completion of a preceptorship is required for graduation.

A graduation fee must be paid at the beginning of the term of graduation and all indebtedness due the institution must be paid prior to graduation.

Major

- Veterinary Medicine

Minor

- Public Health (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofveterinarymedicine/minors/publichealthminor)
Program

- Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/theschool/graduatedegreesoffered/anatomyphysiologyandpharmacology_major)
- Veterinary Clinical Sciences (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/theschool/graduatedegreesoffered/veterinaryclinicalsciences_major)