



Veterinary Medicine Action Plan

Health Professions Office
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Name:	Email:
A Number:	Year in School:
Major(s):	Current GPA: Science GPA:
Minor(s):	Expected Graduation Date:
Previous Degrees:	Expected Date of Application:
State of Residence:	Are you applying as an international student?
Issues I need assistance with / want to discuss:	

As you begin this Action Plan, here are a few important things to consider:

- Review the [Pre-Veterinary](#) webpage before you complete this Action Plan, or as you are working on it.
- No matter if you are a freshman or a senior, it's important to consider what veterinary medicine schools you plan to apply to early on in the process, as that will drive your choice of prerequisite courses and experiences.
- At the end of this document, there is a section where you can start researching veterinary schools and review their application profile.
- Remember - the more you fill out and the more specific you are in your answers, the better Dr. Gonzales will be able to help you.
- When you have filled out this document to the best of your ability, you may make an appointment to discuss your plan with Dr. Gonzales. To schedule an appointment, follow the "Make an Appointment" link on the Health Professions home page.



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Academics & Prerequisites	Courses Completed or In Progress:	Grade	Courses Planned:
<p>Status of prerequisite courses for veterinary schools I'm targeting. Include grade received for courses completed.</p> <p>Visit this link for the most up-to-date list and details regarding TAMU-CC Pre-Veterinary prerequisites.</p> <p><i>Remember:</i> Prerequisites can vary from one school to another, it is important for you to research those programs for which you are interested in applying to.</p>	Ex. BIOL 1406	A	

This is not a checklist! These activities should be a reflection of your interests and passions.

Experiences	Completed or in progress:	Time (length of commitment)	Experiences you plan to gain & when:
Work Employer, position			
Volunteer Organization, position			
Shadowing Who, where			
Research Where, topic			



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Learning Abroad Destination, topics studied			
Student Organizations Organization, position			
Other Experiences?			

Letters of Recommendation	List the people you plan to ask to write you a letter. Describe who they are and why you are choosing them.
Identify 2-3 people who could complete a letter of recommendation for you.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.

Graduate Records Examination (GRE)	
The GRE is required by almost all U.S. veterinary schools. Learn more about the GRE.	I plan to take the GRE on the following date: If already complete, list your score:

Personal Statement	
Assistance from the Pre-Pro website	Writing Your Application Essays



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Write a draft of your statement	I wrote a draft of my personal statement - Yes / No. What number draft am I on? _____
Seek advice on your draft. List 3 people who can review your statement.	1. 2. 3.

Application

Complete this section if you are starting the process of completing/submitting your veterinary school application.

VMCAS Many (most) veterinary schools use VMCAS (Veterinary Medical College Application Service) for their application.	I have reviewed the VMCAS Instruction Manual : Yes / No
Transcripts: Request/obtain official and unofficial copies of transcripts from all schools attended.	Received/requested copies of official transcripts: Yes / No
Letters: Work with letter writers to submit letters in the format needed (by application service/system).	Communicated with letter writers about how to submit letters & deadlines: Yes / No
Completion date	I plan to have the VMCAS submitted by the following date:

Interviewing

Get assistance from Career Services!	Encouraged, but optional http://career-services.tamucc.edu/current%20students/mock_interviews.html
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Veterinary School Research

When researching veterinary schools that you would like to apply to, it can be helpful to compare different schools. In the following table, we have included some of the criteria that is important to look at when researching different schools.

Step 1: Veterinary School Comparisons

Use [this link](#) to see Veterinary Schools that are part of the AAVMC. Expand this table to match your number of schools and criteria! Please explain how each school fulfills the criteria you are considering.

School Name ↓	Criteria 1 GPA/GRE	Criteria 2 In-State/Out-of-State %	Criteria 3 Required number and type of LOR	Criteria 4 Expected Prerequisites



Step 2: Other Criteria Selection

Choose the criteria that are important to you. Some examples include (not an exhaustive list):

- ✦ Application fee
- ✦ Tuition
- ✦ Financial aid options
- ✦ Number of applicants / Percent accepted
- ✦ Specialty choices
- ✦ Student body/school size
- ✦ Accredited program?
- ✦ Combined degree programs
- ✦ Early Decision Program?
- ✦ Residency rates (In-state vs. Out-of-state)
- ✦ Secondary application required?
- ✦ Percent of students with advanced degrees
- ✦ On campus housing available?
- ✦ Community service required (as part of the curriculum)?
- ✦ Research / Thesis required (as part of the curriculum)?
- ✦ Diversity of student body
- ✦ Location and climate
- ✦ Applications accepted from international applicants?