



University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

The University of Pennsylvania is located in West Philadelphia. Philadelphia is a city with a strong cultural heritage. Independence National Park includes 1 square mile of historic Philadelphia next to the Delaware River. Included are Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and many fine examples of colonial architecture. Philadelphia also offers theaters, museums, sports, and outdoor recreation. The Philadelphia Zoo, first in the nation, houses more than 1,600 mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians.

The School of Veterinary Medicine enjoys a close relationship with the zoo. The School of Veterinary Medicine was founded in 1884 and includes a hospital for small animals, classrooms, and research facilities in the city. The large-animal hospital and research facilities are located at the New Bolton Center, an 800-acre farm 40 miles west of Philadelphia. The first 2 years are spent on the main campus. Part of the third year may be spent at the New Bolton Center, and the fourth year is spent in rotation and on electives at varying campus locations. Off-campus electives are frequently permitted.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For specific application information (availability, deadlines, fees, and VMCAS participation), please refer to the contact information listed above.

Residency implications: priority is given to Pennsylvania residents. The number of nonresident places is usually about **85**, including international applicants.

2013-2014 admissions summary for the class of 2018:

	Number of Applicants	Number of Entrants
Resident	229	39
Non-Resident	1,127	84
Total	1,356	123

PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION

Course Description	Number of Hours/Credits
English (including composition)	6
Physics (with Lab)	8
Chemistry - General (with at least 1 lab)	8
Chemistry - Organic	4

Biology or Zoology (covering basic genetics & cell bio)	9
Biochem	3
Microbiology	3
Social sciences or humanities	6
Calculus & Statistics (Any Introductory Stats course)	6
Electives	37

SUMMARY OF ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Timetable

VMCAS application deadline: Tuesday, **September 15, 2015** at 1:00 PM Eastern Time

Supplemental application and fee deadline: **September 15**

Date interviews are held: Fridays from early January until completion

Date acceptances mailed: within 14 days after interview

School begins: early September

Deposit (to hold place in class): \$500.00

Deferments: are considered on an individual basis.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The seats are filled through a 2-part admission procedure, which includes a file review and personal interviews.

Grades

Test scores

Animal/veterinary experience

Interview

References

Essay

English skills (TOEFL)

File review: files are reviewed in **late Fall** by members of the admissions committee (including an alumni member), and decisions are made on whether or not to offer an interview.

Personal interviews: interviews are held on Fridays from early January until the class is filled. The number of interviews granted equals **approximately 2 times** the number of seats available.

Two personal interviews are conducted: a formal interview with 1 faculty member (including an alumni member) of the committee, and an informal interview with student committee members. Although students do not vote on acceptance, they have a significant part in the meeting following interviews.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Required undergraduate GPA: no specific GPA. Applicants are evaluated comparatively. The mean cumulative GPA of the class admitted in 2014 was **3.57**.

AP credit policy: must appear on official college transcripts and count toward degree.

Course completion deadline: All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the summer term of the year in which admission is sought.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/CONSIDERATIONS

Animal/veterinary work experience: experience working with animals, direct veterinary work, or research experience is desired. Approximately 500-600 hours is recommended. Experience should be sufficient to convince the admissions committee of motivation, interest, and understanding.

Recommendations/evaluations: 3 required, one from an academic science source; and one from a veterinarian. The third is the choice of the applicant.

Extracurricular/community service activities: additional activities in this category can provide information important to the admissions committee.

Leadership: evidence of leadership abilities is desirable.

Is a Bachelor's Degree Required? no

Is this an International School? no

ESTIMATED TUITION

Estimated Tuition and Fees Resident: \$41,412

Estimated Tuition and Fees Contract: Not Applicable

Estimated Tuition and Fees Non-Resident: \$51,772

AVAILABLE SEATS

Resident: 40

Contract: Not Applicable

Non-Resident: 85

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Standardized examinations: Graduate Record Examination (GRE), general test, is required; the GRE Code for Pennvet is **2775**. Test scores should be received no later than **October 1**.

VMCAS Participation: full

Accepts International Students? yes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dual-Degree Programs: Combined VMD-graduate degree programs are available.

Summer Program: Penn Vet offers a summer program for high school and college students. The Veterinary Exploration Through Science (VETS) program, now in its sixth year is a day program of one-week sessions designed for those who want a close-up look at veterinary medicine. For additional information, please visit our website at www.vet.upenn.edu/education/admissions/summer-vets-program or call 215-898-5434.

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