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:

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PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION

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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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