

Application Checklist	
>> Before You Apply	<p>Learn about our matriculation requirements. You don't need to complete all outstanding coursework before you apply, but this information will let you know what you need and by when we need your transcripts.</p>
>> Apply to Penn Vet (VMCAS)	<p>Like most veterinary schools, Penn Vet uses the Veterinary Medical College Application Service's VMCAS application, offered by AAVMC, the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges.</p> <p>We consider exposure to practice, research, or other areas of veterinary medicine to be essential qualifications for aspiring veterinarians. Your VMCAS application should include references to these experiences.</p>
>> Letters of Recommendation (VMCAS)	<p>Letters of recommendation should be requested and submitted using the 'VMCAS eLor' provided in the application. We suggest that applicants request recommendations from people who really “know” them and can speak about the applicant beyond basic information. The recommendation should provide us with depth in relation to academic/intellectual ability, understanding of veterinary medicine, and overall social and communication skills. We require at least three 'eLors', one from each of the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>A faculty member</b> (Science academic highly recommended) who can speak to the applicant’s abilities not just as a student, but also in how they approach science. The faculty member <b>DOES NOT</b> need to be someone who has taught the applicant in class, but should be able to give insights in relation to other students they have taught.</li> <li>2. <b>A veterinarian</b> who can discuss, in depth, the applicant's ability to consider the complexities of the profession, the science of veterinary medicine, and any qualities that are essential to the applicant becoming a successful veterinarian.</li> <li>3. <b>Anyone of the applicant's choice</b>, although we suggest that this 3rd reference be from another vet or science academic source.</li> </ol>

	<p>VMCAS will accept up to six recommendations in the application. Penn Vet only requires the three listed above. However, if you would like to submit more than the three, please do so. We will read any 'eLor' submitted in the application. That being said, we recommend choosing wisely and selecting sources who know you well. The quality of your references is more important than the quantity.</p>
<p>&gt;&gt; GRE (VMCAS)</p>	<p>Performance on the general test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).</p> <p>Please note that Penn Vet only requires the following sections: Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; All Applicants must submit scores obtained on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) to the veterinary schools to which they are applying.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; The GRE Institution Code for Penn Vet is 2775. Scores must be received by Oct 15th.</p>
<p>&gt;&gt; Transcripts (VMCAS)</p>	<p>You will need to send transcripts to VMCAS (VMCAS-Transcripts PO BOX 9126 Watertown, MA 02471), including cumulative undergraduate grade-point average, achievement in required preprofessional courses, advanced degrees and academic honors.</p>
<p>&gt;&gt; Essays (VMCAS)</p>	<p>We require five essays: <b>Two Penn Vet Specific Essay questions and Three VMCAS Standard questions.</b></p> <p>Three of the essays are required with the VMCAS application and two additional essays are required for Penn Vet.</p> <p>Although these are direct questions, we recommend being prepared to answer each question with more than a general overview. You should include depth in your answers, using specific experiences (in veterinary medicine, research, class, etc.) to detail why you feel a certain way or are interested in a certain area.</p> <p>This depth should give the Admissions office an indication of the applicant's ability to think beyond the surface of veterinary medicine.</p>

>> **Supplemental Information Form**

The **Supplemental Information Form and Processing Fee System will be available in May**. The form and payment **must be** completed by the **due date of the VMCAS application**. No application will be considered without the form and processing fee payment completed by this date. If you have any questions about the Supplemental Information Form and Processing Fee Payment, don't hesitate to contact us at [admissions@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:admissions@vet.upenn.edu) or 215-898-5434.

Once you begin, you will not be able to save and reenter at a later time. If you choose to leave before completion, you will need to begin the process again (the process takes about 10 to 15 minutes).

Payment of the processing fee with a credit card (preferred method) must be completed after you have finished the Supplemental Information Form (you will be directed to the payment system). Reentry at this point will not be possible. If you choose to pay by credit card, please make sure to use the exact address on file for your account as our payment processing system is very strict as it relates to the address of record. If you cannot pay by credit card, you may exit after completion of the Supplemental Information Form and send a \*check for \$75.00 payable to: The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania. It should be mailed, along with your complete name and VMCAS Application Number to:

The School of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania  
Admissions Office  
3800 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

\*If you choose to pay by check and it is returned, you will be assessed a \$35.00 fee on top of the standard \$75.00 fee.

The 2020 Supplemental Information Form and Application Processing Fee page is now available.