

# PRE-VETERINARY PLANNING GUIDE

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:	Email:
Major(s):	Minor(s):
GPA:	State of Residence:
Expected Graduation Date:	Expected Application Date:
Previous Degree(s):	Are you applying as an international student?

## PART 1: IDENTIFY TARGET SCHOOLS.

Identify the veterinary medicine schools to which you might be interested in applying. The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) maintains [a directory of veterinary schools](#). Use this chart to record information about your target schools.

SCHOOL NAME	MINIMUM GRE	MINIMUM GPA	MINIMUM SCIENCE GPA	REQUIRED EXPERIENCES	NON-RES. INTL.*

\*Use this column to record whether this school admits non-resident (of the state) and/or international students (if this applies to you).



**PART 3: RECORD YOUR EXPERIENCES**

Record work, shadowing, volunteer, research, study abroad, student organization, and other experiences here. Copy this page as needed.

EXPERIENCE AND/OR POSITION TITLE	ORGANIZATION	SUPERVISOR NAME AND CONTACT INFO.	RESPONSIBILITIES	DATES

**PART 4: PREPARE FOR AND TAKE ANY REQUIRED STANDARDIZED TESTS.**

Check with your target programs to see which standardized tests they require. Some veterinary schools require applicants to take the [Graduate Record Exam](#) (GRE).

<b>I TOOK/PLAN TO TAKE THE GRE ON THE FOLLOWING DATE(S):</b>			
<b>PRACTICE TEST(S)</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>GRE</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Composite Score		Composite Score	
Verbal Reasoning		Verbal Reasoning	
Quantitative Reasoning		Quantitative Reasoning	
Analytical Writing		Analytical Writing	

**PART 5: REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.**

Identify three to five people who might be willing to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Check the requirements of the school(s) to which you are applying to find out how many and what kind of letters they require.

NAME	TITLE/POSITION	CONTACT INFORMATION	ASKED (DATE)	LETTER SUBMITTED

**PART 6: PLAN AND WRITE YOUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

Your veterinary school application will contain a prompt for and space to write a statement of purpose that is approximately 3,000 characters long and answers the question, “Why do you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?”

As early as possible in your academic career, open a Google Doc and use it to collect your thoughts about this question. Jot down ideas about your statement whenever they occur to you. Don’t worry about grammar or structure at first. You can take care of those details later. When the time comes to write your essay, you will have some ideas with which to begin.

**PART 7: COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.**

You will submit your application approximately one year before you hope to begin veterinary medicine school. The [Veterinary Medicine College Application Service](#) (VMCAS) allows you to complete one application to apply to each of the programs in which you are interested.