



VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All materials must be **RECEIVED** by Western University of Health Sciences and/or VMCAS on or before the **SEPTEMBER 18 deadline**. Late materials will not be considered or returned.

A. PREREQUISITES

- List **all** courses you have taken, are currently taking, **or plan to take** on the VMCAS application.
- Prerequisite course work may be in progress at the time of application to VMCAS. However, **no more than two of the following courses may be in progress beyond December 31, 2023: Upper-Division Biological and Life Sciences (one course), Microbiology, Upper-Division Physiology, or Genetics**
- **All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the Spring 2024 semester or quarter.**
- Summer courses prior to matriculation **will not** be accepted.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- **All courses used to satisfy our prerequisites must be listed in our Prerequisite Database as approved. Applicants must submit a syllabus by email to their designated admissions counselor for those not listed in the database BEFORE the application deadline.**

B. REPEATED COURSES

- Courses in which you withdrew from are **not** repeated.
- All repeated courses must be indicated as repeated on the VMCAS application. If not, they will not be excluded from our calculation of your GPA.
- Must complete the Repeated Course form once we have received your VMCAS application
- **Please include both prerequisite and non-prerequisite courses as well as planned or in progress courses.**
- **Courses taken in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 will NOT be calculated into the GPA if applying for the Fall 2024 entering class.**

C. OFFICIAL TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCORE REPORT (IF APPLICABLE)

- The TOEFL (including essay) required for all applicants who are not U.S. citizens and for whom English is a second language.
- **EXCEPTION:** The exam will be waived for students who have graduated with a confirmed **baccalaureate or higher degree from a United States institution at the time of application.**
- Minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test is required. Scores are valid for 3 years.
- Official score report is to be sent electronically to WesternU. We do not accept scores submitted directly by the applicant. Please use institution code 4152.

D. TRANSCRIPTS (REQUIRED)

- A complete set of official transcripts (in sealed, original envelopes) are to be **RECEIVED** from **all** colleges or universities attended **BY VMCAS BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 19 DEADLINE.**
- Applicants must have earned an overall/cumulative GPA greater than or equal to a 2.75 at the time of application. This GPA must be maintained through matriculation into the program
- All courses must be completed at a regionally-accredited college or university in the U.S. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- **Coursework completed outside the U.S. (including Canada) must be evaluated by World Education Services. This does not include courses taken through a U.S. institution's study abroad program. Study abroad courses must appear on the U.S. institution's official transcript.**

REMINDERS:

**1) VMCAS APPLICATION E-SUBMITTED AND COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 15
-INCLUDING RECEIPT BY VMCAS OF: FEE PAYMENT, ALL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

2) THREE LETTERS OF EVALUATION (MUST BE RECEIVED BY VMCAS BY DEADLINE)

Suggestions: Selection of and coaching for your evaluators:

- Evaluations should be solicited from people who know you well from extensive professional interactions, but who are **not related** to you. Examples: veterinarians or other employers, professors, teaching assistants, academic advisors, and mentors.
- Letters of evaluation should state nature and extent to which the reference knows you, and should elaborate on, among other things, your attributes and abilities in areas such as communication skills, ethics, interpersonal skills, motivation toward the profession, and maturity. Providing behavioral examples of your performance in these areas is encouraged.
- Letters of evaluation received by VMCAS after September 19 **will NOT be accepted by Western University of Health Sciences**. NO EXCEPTIONS.

By submitting the application and supporting application materials, you are agreeing that you have read and understand the requirements for application indicated above. Failure to provide the required documents by the deadline specified will result in the rejection of your application for the Fall 2024 entering class. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required materials are received by the deadline specified. Any questions are to be directed to the designated admissions counselor by e-mail.