

DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (DVM) ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS



ROSS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Leave your world and enter ours.

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine is your opportunity to live and study in an environment that pushes you to see things differently, which can help you grow into a skilled, practice and career-ready veterinary leader. We take a holistic view of our admissions process. You're more than a number to us. We review not just your grades and test scores (if applicable), but also give weight to your experiences, perseverance, and passion to become a veterinarian. Come ready to learn. Leave ready to practice.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of prerequisites, a minimum of 48 credits of college work and we strongly recommend that you complete your undergraduate program
- Completion of the equivalent of 150 hours of veterinary professional experience or veterinary research
- Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (The GRE for admission to Ross Vet during 2022 is optional)
- Proof of English proficiency, if English is not your first language
- If you are an international or transfer applicant, additional requirements may apply

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Personal essay
- Official undergraduate transcripts
- Official GRE scores (The GRE for admission to Ross Vet during 2022 is optional)
- Two signed letters of recommendation (one academic and one professional)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume

YOUR DVM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Be sure you're on track to finishing your prerequisites; you can apply with up to two pending courses
- Prepare your personal essay
- Request your letters of recommendation
- Take the GRE if you haven't already. Once completed, have your scores released to RUSVM directly using institution code 2639 through the Education Testing Service at www.ets.org (The GRE for admission to Ross Vet during 2022 is optional)
- Apply through our online application for all upcoming semesters
- Send all your supporting documents to vetadmissions@rossu.edu

Once your completed application is received, you may be invited for a personal interview with one of our admissions representatives. For any questions, please contact our admissions team at vetadmissions@rossu.edu.

WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO START?

JANUARY

Start at Ross Vet in January and you may complete your DVM at the same time as students who begin in the previous September semester at a U.S. school*

MAY

Starting in May allows you to finish 9 months earlier than waiting and starting in the following September semester at a U.S. school*

SEPTEMBER

Start in our fall session and you may finish 4 months sooner than starting at the same time as other AVMA-accredited programs in the U.S.*

* Students must successfully pass all courses prescribed in the Ross Vet preclinical and clinical curriculum without failing or repeating any courses, and pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination® (NAVLE®) to complete their degree within this time frame. Comparison to U.S. schools is based on a traditional 4-year curriculum.

UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITES

DVM PREREQUISITES

We require a minimum of 48 credits of college work, but we strongly recommend that you complete your undergraduate program. We require a grade of C or better in all prerequisite coursework. Vet school prerequisite courses cannot be more than 10 years old. Your required coursework includes:

BIOLOGY

- Two semesters of General Biology (eight semester hours) with laboratory

CELL BIOLOGY OR GENETICS

- One course of either Cell Biology or Genetics (three semester hours); laboratory is recommended but not required

CHEMISTRY

- One semester of General Chemistry (four semester hours) with laboratory
- One semester of Organic Chemistry 1 (four semester hours) with laboratory

BIOCHEMISTRY

- One semester of General Biochemistry or Biochemistry 1 (three semester hours)

Note: Introductory or survey courses are not acceptable

PHYSICS

- One semester of Physics 1 (four semester hours) with laboratory

Note: Introductory or survey courses are not acceptable

MATHEMATICS

- One semester of college-level mathematics (three semester hours) to be chosen among pre-calculus, calculus, and statistics

ENGLISH

- One semester of English (at least three semester hours), preferably to include one semester of English Composition
- Canadian students may satisfy English requirements in 3 possible ways: (1) 2 semesters of University humanities where essays composed at least 40% of the overall mark, (2) International Baccalaureate, and (3) Advanced Placement English

ELECTIVES/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES

Nine semester hours; one of the courses to meet this requirement must be one of the following:

- Comparative Anatomy
- Medical Terminology
- Microbiology
- Nutrition
- Physiology
- Spanish (or other foreign language)
- Public Speaking
- Introduction to Business

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

WORK EXPERIENCE

You must complete the equivalent of at least 150 hours of veterinary professional experience working with animals or veterinary research. We prefer this experience has taken place under the supervision of practicing veterinarians, but comparable experience may be considered. You may submit your Curriculum Vitae (CV), Resume, or use your letters of recommendation to provide proof of your 150 hours.

PERSONAL ESSAY

A personal essay is required as part of your application, whether you are applying through VMCAS or Ross Vet's online application. The essay asks you to explain a defining moment that helped steer you toward a career in veterinary medicine. Helpful tips for crafting your essay below:

- Discuss how you would contribute to the profession and patient care, all of which will help you stand out from other applicants
- Explain why you are good candidate for veterinary school –in a pile of 100 applications, would you enjoy reading your statement?
- Convey your passion for veterinary medicine in your statement
- Avoid repeating information from your transcripts or reference letters
- Ask yourself if this essay is a good representation of your character, ideals, and aspirations

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit two official letters of recommendation, on proper letterhead with contact information included and physically signed. Your letters should speak to your preparedness and motivation to become a veterinarian, your academic ability, and your experience in the veterinary profession. Letters should be sent directly from the recommender to the Ross Vet admissions office.

Your letters should include:

- One academic letter from a science professor familiar with your academic ability.
- One professional letter from a veterinarian familiar with your veterinary experience.

If you are unable to secure these letters, please call the admissions office at 855-ROSS-VET and we will work with you to secure alternatives.

TRANSCRIPTS

The admissions committee will consider your cumulative GPA, GPA in pre-requisite coursework, and the competitiveness of your undergraduate school and curriculum when making their decision.

You may send your transcripts at any time however we must receive them before your application can be considered complete.

GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE)

The GRE for admission to Ross Vet during 2022 is optional, though we strongly encourage you to take the exam as the GRE can be a helpful tool in our holistic admissions process. If you took the test more than one time you must submit all the results before enrollment. Our code number is #2639.

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) or RESUME

Submission of your CV or Resume is required. Use your CV or Resume as a chance to highlight your experience working with animals. If your letters of recommendation do not provide proof of the required 150 working hours, then your CV must be included in order to provide that proof. For questions about what to include on your CV/Resume, please reach out to your local admissions representative, or contact our admissions office at 855-ROSS-VET.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (TOEFL)

If English is not your primary language, or if you did not complete your undergraduate degree at a postsecondary institution where courses were taught in English, you will be requested to provide Ross Vet with your official record of scores for one of the following:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT—preferred minimum score on the computer-based test is as follows: 25 Listening; 22 Writing; 22 Speaking; 23 Reading.
- IGCSE English (First language) Grade B—International English Language Testing System (IELTS)—7.0
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic—67
- Cambridge English: Advanced & Proficiency overall 185

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

If your credentials are judged to be indicative of meeting our minimum academic requirements, you will be invited for an interview. The interview is often conducted within two to four weeks after your application materials have been received.

Your interview helps the admissions committee assess your overall personal and academic background, maturity, adaptability, character, aptitude, and most importantly, your motivation to become a veterinarian. Please be aware that being granted an interview is not a guarantee of acceptance, though it does play a significant part in the decision by the Admissions Committee.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

You may apply for admission with advance standing if you have completed a portion of the curriculum at another approved school of veterinary medicine. You will be required to present evidence of completed coursework (or equivalent) at a school of veterinary medicine who's program is accredited by the AVMA, comparable to those offered in the pre-clinical curriculum of Ross Vet. Additionally, you must meet all the requirements for admission to Ross Vet.

Placement is determined by the Academic Promotions Committee and the Dean. Credit will not be given for more than the first four semesters of study. You must take all the courses offered for the semester you are admitted and may be required to repeat a portion or the entirety of the curriculum. You will be required to spend a minimum of six semesters of study enrolled at Ross Vet.

If you have not successfully completed the basic sciences, the level of placement in the curriculum will be determined by the Admissions Committee in consultation with the Promotions Committee.

NOTIFICATION

If your application is incomplete, or your qualifications are not considered to meet the minimum vet school requirements, you will be notified by an admissions representative. The Admissions Committee's decision will be sent in a letter as soon as possible. There are four decision possibilities:

- Acceptance
- Accepted Wait List
- Vet Prep Program
- Denial

The Vet Prep program is designed to strengthen your knowledge in core academic areas to meet the rigorous demands of the veterinary medicine curriculum.

Learn more about the [Vet Prep Program](#).

POLICY ON NON-DISCRIMINATION

The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, or age in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. Ross Vet is committed to ensuring that qualified students with disabilities are afforded reasonable accommodations. No qualified individual with a disability will be denied access to or participation in services, programs, or activities of Ross Vet.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations for students with disabilities are available. You are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Disability Services at rusvmaccommodationscoordinator@rossvet.edu.kn or fax inquiries to: (877) 472-4940 as far in advance of starting classes as possible to arrange for a consultation.

