

# SUGGESTED VETERINARY MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMELINE

## FRESHMAN YEAR:

- (1) *Take prerequisite coursework:* ideally, you will have started your General Biology & Chemistry sequences.
- (2) Contact the [SPSU Biology Pre-Professional advisor](#) for advice & guidance with the upcoming application process. DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP!

## SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- (1) Begin volunteering in animal care or research settings to confirm your interest in Veterinary Medicine.
- (2) Plan ahead to use your summer wisely in an internship; many deadlines are in January preceding the summer internship or research experience.
- (3) *Continue taking prerequisite coursework.*

## SUMMER AFTER SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- (1) Review your academic progress to make sure prerequisites have either been completed or will be completed by expected entry into veterinary school.
- (2) Begin researching available programs; note specific testing requirements.
- (3) Continue learning beyond your coursework; note your animal care contact hours and experiences for use later on your application.

## FALL OF JUNIOR YEAR:

- (1) Prepare and register for the GRE, MCAT, or VCAT Veterinary School entrance exams as required.
- (2) Renew and establish contact with professors and a Veterinarian for letters of recommendation.

## SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR

- (1) Research how to write your Veterinary school Statement of Purpose. Contact the [SPSU Biology Pre-Professional advisor](#) for guidance with this process.
- (2) Request your letters of recommendation.
- (3) Ideally, all prerequisite courses will be completed by the end of this semester.

## SUMMER AFTER JUNIOR YEAR

- (1) Review and prepare the [Veterinary Medical College Application Service \(VMCAS\)](#) application for those schools that accept it and note exactly the procedure of application for each school. Early application is strongly advised. *NOTE: Many veterinary schools have supplementary application materials that must be completed in addition to the VMCAS application.*
- (2) Plan to submit your VMCAS application (and any supplementary application materials) before schools starts. The application may be available as early as August online. Many schools have a deadline of October 1, approximately 10 months before you hope to begin veterinary medical school.

## FALL OF SENIOR YEAR

- (1) Consult with the [SPSU Biology Pre-Professional advisor](#) about interviewing advice.

## SPRING OF SENIOR YEAR

- (1) Interviews are completed.
- (2) Decision processes and timelines vary; notification may begin in January.