

Pre-veterinary medicine at Clemson University

Plan your path

Core prerequisites checklist for many veterinary programs:

- Biology
- Cellular biology
- Microbiology
- Chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Physics
- Social sciences/
humanities
- Statistics/
mathematics
- Genetics
- Science and
other electives
- English composition

These additional courses may be required by select schools:

- Anatomy
- Animal science
- Animal nutrition
- Physiology
- Speech/public speaking
- Medical terminology

Prerequisites vary by school. Please refer to your preferred veterinary school's website for detailed requirement information.

Veterinarians will be in high demand in the coming years, making this an appealing career path for animal lovers and entrepreneurs alike.

There are many reasons students choose veterinary medicine as a career. Many veterinarians enjoy the independence and autonomy of owning their own practice and the flexibility of determining their practice hours. They enjoy an excellent career outlook with increasing demand, particularly in the areas of food animal and public health veterinary medicine.



Applying to veterinary school

Veterinary colleges have no trouble attracting animal lovers. Still, they are looking for students who know how to run a business, communicate with clients, conduct research and work in areas that the public does not usually associate with veterinary medicine, such as biomedical research, food supply veterinary medicine and public health. Veterinarians receive training across species making them uniquely qualified to fill various roles in medicine, health and research.

Gain experience

- ▶ Job shadow and volunteer at a farm or animal shelter.
- ▶ Apply for internships at veterinary clinics.
- ▶ Seek opportunities for research experience.

Find out more

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges provides resources for students considering veterinary medicine as a career.

- ▶ Visit aavmc.org for more information.

Veterinary career options

- ▶ Private practice
- ▶ Corporate veterinary medicine
- ▶ Federal government
- ▶ U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Teaching
- ▶ Public health
- ▶ Food supply veterinary medicine
- ▶ Global veterinary medicine
- ▶ Public policy
- ▶ Shelter medicine
- ▶ Diagnostic laboratories

Contracted vet schools for South Carolina residents

- ▶ Mississippi State University
- ▶ Tuskegee University
- ▶ University of Georgia



To learn more, connect with the Clemson Pre-Vet Club.
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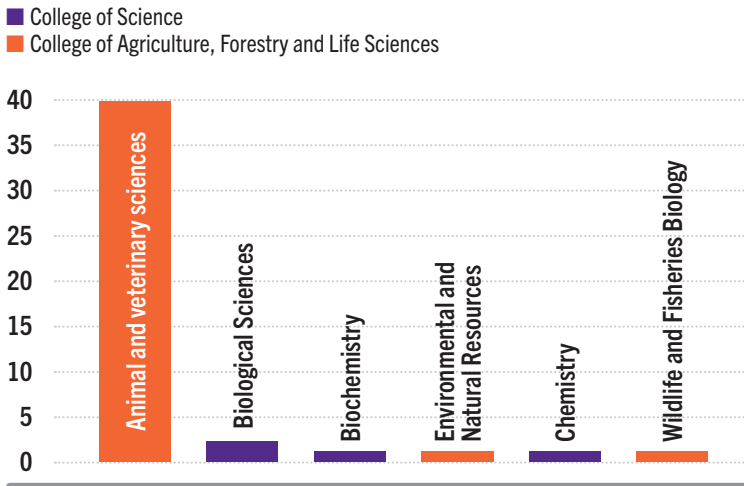
Or contact Dr. Jeryl C. Jones at 864-656-2142.
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BY THE NUMBERS

Veterinary medicine school

Accepted undergraduate students by major



Average GPA

of accepted Clemson students

3.6

306

Average overall GRE

of accepted Clemson students

The three pillars
of veterinary school acceptance

Test
scores

GPA

Experience

Average acceptance rate

National
average

42%

Clemson
average

63%

Clemson average is higher
than the national average

Source: Veterinary Medical College Application Service, 2021-22

+11%

Where students study

Students most frequently attend these schools after Clemson:

- ▶ University of Georgia
- ▶ Mississippi State University
- ▶ University of Tennessee

Average attendance cost

IN STATE
\$170,000–\$290,000

OUT OF STATE
\$215,000–\$378,000

▶ **\$100,370**
average veterinarian salary

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021

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