Veterinary School Requirements

Required Courses:
General Biology - Bio 240, Bio 240L, Bio 242, Bio 242L or Bio 221, 221L, 225, 225L
General Chemistry - Chem 151, Chem 151L, Chem 152, Chem 152L
General Physics - Phys 136, Phys 136L, Phys 137, Phys 137L or Phys 270, Phys 270L, Phys 271, Phys 271L
English – FYW and two more classes
Biochemistry – Chem 331
Genetics – Bio 300
Statistics – Math 120, Psyc 260, or Biostatistics (Biostats preferred by Harvard and Dartmouth)
9 or more units in humanities/social sciences

Some require:
Microbiology, Physiology, and other science courses as well as a nutrition course. Please refer to
individual schools for course prerequisites.

Special Test
The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required by most veterinary schools, and some also require
the Biology GRE. The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is also accepted by some schools in place of
the GRE.

Experience
Vet medicine is one area where experience in the field is mandatory. All schools state that their
candidates are expected to have worked with veterinarians; some specify a minimum number of hours
that are required. In addition, research experience, especially combined with adequate veterinary
exposure, can make an applicant more attractive.

Web Resources: http://www.aavmc.org
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