A great veterinary medical education demands great teachers and great facilities. But it also requires a diverse community of scholars – students, faculty, and staff – to educate well-rounded and knowledgeable professionals who will maximize their own potential and also serve society well. The Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine has always offered these things, providing a place where you can learn and grow as a member of our community. Through the Washington–Idaho–Montana–Utah (WIMU) Regional Program we have expanded that commitment. We are proud of our collective campuses and facilities and especially of our faculty members. Faculty members – regardless of their university base – are here because they want to help you. Collectively we aim to prepare you to be the best veterinarian you can be, no matter which of the many roles of a veterinarian you aspire to fill. But why take my word for it? Please visit and see all this for yourself.

Sincerely,

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Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine
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What is WIMU?

WIMU is the Washington–Idaho–Montana–Utah Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine. It is a partnership between the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Idaho Department of Animal and Veterinary Science, the Montana Cooperative Program with Montana State University, and the Utah State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Students in the WIMU Regional Program benefit from hands-on experience and a big network. The class sizes at all three campuses (Washington State University, Montana State University, and Utah State University) provide personalized attention while offering opportunities for professional growth and the development of clinical, leadership, and interpersonal skills for all students throughout the WIMU Regional Program. Our graduates go on to be leading clinicians, diagnosticians, researchers, and professors around the world.

Under the WIMU program, Washington and Idaho residents complete all four years on the WSU Pullman campus. There are up to 55 spots for Washington residents and up to 11 spots for Idaho residents each year.

Montana residents spend their first year on the MSU Bozeman campus and the remaining three years at the WSU Pullman campus. There are up to 10 spots for Montana residents each year. Classes—which parallel those in Pullman—are taught by faculty based in Bozeman.

Up to 20 Utah residents and up to 10 nonresidents spend their first two years on the USU Logan campus and their remaining two years on the WSU Pullman campus. The curriculum in Logan is taught by Utah State University faculty in the Department of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences, paralleling the curriculum taught at WSU.

The WSU College of Veterinary Medicine is also a partner with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) program and welcomes WICHE-sponsored students from Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Wyoming. There are up to 25-30 spots available for WICHE-sponsored and nonresident students at the WSU Pullman campus.

To help nurture relationships between the three campuses, students from all campuses participate in an on-site and off-site retreat designed to promote collaboration and team building. This orientation brings students from different places and sets the foundation for cooperation and teamwork over the next four years.
Because of the quality and experience of the faculty, the small class size, and the clinical resources available at Montana State University, Utah State University, and in nearby veterinary practices, students have great preparation for moving on to Pullman at the beginning of their second or third year of DVM education. Students are welcomed at WSU by our strong community and family-oriented culture of support and success.

Upon satisfactory completion of our program, the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree is conferred by the Regents of Washington State University. Although the University of Idaho, Montana State University, and Utah State University are partners in the program, all students receive their DVM degrees from WSU.

All prospective students, regardless of state of residency, apply to the WIMU Regional Program through the online Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) by choosing Washington State University. An additional WSU/WIMU supplemental application is also required. Information about the Regional Program and details about the application process can be found at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu or in the admissions section in this brochure.
When you come to WSU's College of Veterinary Medicine, you know you are someplace special. Founded in 1899, we are one of the longest established colleges of veterinary medicine in the country with one of the best equipped veterinary teaching hospitals in the nation. Each year our hospital treats thousands of patients including small animal, food animal, equine, and exotics.

We encourage our students to train at WSU’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital their very first year. Our highly accomplished faculty work side-by-side with students providing hands-on experience right from the beginning. Courses in client communication, diagnostic challenges, and business skills give our students the tools they need to succeed.

Hands-on Experience

Hands-on experience begins on day one with caseloads that provide extensive experience in all areas of interest including small animal, agricultural animal, equine, and exotics. Because the clinicians have a wide range of specialty areas, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital sees a large and diverse caseload. We have more than 50 board-certified specialists in cardiology, neurology, pathology, ophthalmology, microbiology, toxicology, clinical pharmacology, clinical pathology, oncology, radiology, theriogenology, laboratory animal medicine, and companion animal/equine/bovine medicine and surgery. Students are encouraged to spend time in the hospital throughout all four years of study. The Clinical Simulation Center in Pullman offers opportunities for students in all four years to practice clinical skills ranging from basic suturing to advanced surgical operations.

The DVM program also allows for students to take advantage of numerous off-campus clinical experiences. There are interactive case opportunities at our satellite locations in Seattle and Spokane, Washington, as well as southern Idaho, our primary care programs in partnership with the Seattle Humane Society and Idaho Humane Society, and our affiliate preceptor clinics scattered throughout the Northwest. The partnership of Idaho, Montana, and Utah in the Regional Program offers more choices for all students to study in a wider network of clinical practice sites.

Innovative Education

Before students even take their first veterinary class, they begin their education with an on-site and off-site retreat designed to promote collaboration and team building. By the time students enter their second year, in addition to the veterinary curriculum, they have also studied ethics, service, and leadership in veterinary medicine. In their second and third years, students take classes to learn skills in clinical communication, diagnostic reasoning, and may elect to take courses on how to manage a veterinary practice as a part of the Veterinary Business Management Association Certificate Program. The Paul G. Allen
School for Global Animal Health builds on the college’s rich history of research on animal diseases that directly impact human health and offers DVM students the opportunity to participate in that research, in addition to multiple other research opportunities throughout the college.

Our students can also participate in programs such as the Pet Loss Hotline. The Pet Loss Hotline volunteer staff are WSU veterinary students who have been trained in grief education by a licensed therapist. By helping others process their grief, students can become better, more compassionate veterinarians.

**Where is Pullman?**

Washington State University is in Pullman, a town in southeastern Washington.

Located in the Palouse region of the Inland Northwest, Pullman offers the benefits of small-town living with the cultural richness of bigger city life. The 60,000 people who live in the communities of Pullman and neighboring town, Moscow, Idaho, enjoy a lifestyle that combines a beautiful country setting with the benefits of two major universities (University of Idaho is just a few miles away). WSU is also a member of the PAC-12 athletic conference, offering exciting sporting events throughout the year. With a true four-season climate, beautiful rivers, nearby mountains, and scenic mountain lakes, it’s easy to take advantage of a variety of excellent recreational activities including hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, fishing, camping, and whitewater rafting.

WSU has a reputation for being one of the top programs and I knew I would receive an excellent education, but what really drew me to the Regional Program was the atmosphere. I felt like they wanted me to be here as much as I wanted to be here. As soon as I walked onto the campus I felt at home. I wasn’t just entering into a veterinary school, but into a family.

Samanatha Sroczyk (’19 DVM) from Montana. She hopes to return to Montana to work as a mixed animal veterinarian.
Utah State University

Utah State University is nationally and internationally recognized for its research in animal and biomedical sciences. The School of Veterinary Medicine offers an academically outstanding path to pursue a professional degree in veterinary medicine. Classes are taught by faculty from the Department of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences and are held in state-of-the-art teaching facilities on the Logan, Utah campus. With dedicated faculty and only 30 students per class, students experience a supportive environment for active learning.

Utah residents and nonresidents accepted into the program at the Logan campus spend their first two years in Logan and then transfer to Pullman for their remaining two years. Logan has a population of approximately 50,000 residents and sits in the heart of the Cache Valley, one of Utah’s hidden treasures. Cache Valley lies 83 miles north of Salt Lake City and is a land of dairy farms, small towns, and friendly people. The majestic mountains provide outstanding all-season outdoor recreation, and there are plenty of historical, musical, and art events, plus numerous dining, lodging, and shopping offerings.

Montana State University

Montana State University is a public university located in Bozeman, Montana. It is the state’s land grant university and primary campus in the Montana State University System. MSU is ranked in the top tier of US research institutions by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Classes are taught by faculty from several departments.

Montana residents spend their first year in Bozeman and then transfer to Pullman for their remaining three years. Bozeman is located in the beautiful Gallatin Valley, and is a safe and supportive community offering significant opportunities to combine a fantastic educational experience with the great outdoors. Bozeman has a population of 45,000 residents, making it the fourth largest city in Montana. The area offers amazing hiking and backpacking opportunities in the surrounding mountain ranges, and the skiing and fishing is some of the best in the country. Yellowstone National Park is a short drive to the south, offering year-round recreational activities.
Washington State University Facilities

The WSU College of Veterinary Medicine is an eight-building complex that sits at the heart of the WSU campus. Every part of the complex is easily accessible to DVM students.

The layout creates a fluid learning environment for student access to the hospital and patient cases, labs, study areas, and faculty members. Students can be in class one minute and the next minute in a lab or the Veterinary Teaching Hospital seeing the lecture topic used in a real-life setting.

The WSU campus houses a wide variety of equine and agricultural facilities including a racetrack, access to swine, teaching barns, the Knott Dairy, and the Ensminger Beef Center, all of which offer our students opportunities to gain valuable clinical experiences. Our partnership with Idaho provides students with access to the University of Idaho Sheep Center, Dairy Center, and Beef Center in neighboring Moscow, Idaho.

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital provides full service care and offers a wide range of specialty services in oncology, cardiology, orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, theriogenology, dentistry, and neurology. Each year, the hospital treats thousands of patients including companion animals, horses, livestock, and exotics.

The Animal Disease Biotechnology Facility houses the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Field Disease Investigative Unit, and U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service - Animal Disease Research Unit.

Bustad Hall, named for dean emeritus Leo K. Bustad, is the central building in the college complex. It houses the college administration, student services, student lounge, lecture and lab facilities, and the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL). A founding member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, WADDL provides state-of-the-art diagnostic services, consultation, disease surveillance, and outreach to safeguard animal health, the food supply, and public health.

Wegner Hall is home to labs, lecture rooms, and the Animal Health Library. Established in 1963, the library primarily serves the research and teaching needs of the college. The Animal Health Library provides information on biomedical topics and other resources for practicing veterinarians, pharmacists, physicians, and clinical pharmacologists.

McCoy Hall, the original teaching hospital, now houses student labs, offices, the Robert P. Worthman Veterinary Anatomy Museum, the Clinical Simulation Center, and the SCAVMA bookstore.
The Paul G. Allen Center for Global Animal Health is a 62,000-square-foot, three-story flagship research building that houses a state-of-the-art infectious disease research center for investigating emerging diseases throughout the world. There are two floors of Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) research laboratory space, and a 5,000-square-foot BSL-3 laboratory. The facility uses state-of-the-art energy management and sustainability strategies.

The Biotechnology-Life Sciences Building houses the School for Molecular Biosciences, which offers programs in biochemistry, genetics and cell biology, and microbiology. The School of Molecular Biosciences provides exciting research opportunities for undergraduate, graduate, and DVM students.

The Veterinary Biomedical Research Building houses Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience (IPN), whose faculty are responsible for teaching anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, toxicology, and neuroscience courses within the professional veterinary education curriculum. In addition to these contributions, IPN provides numerous avenues for DVM students to participate in research throughout the four year DVM program. The new building adjoins the Biotechnology-Life Sciences Building, creating one of the best concentrations of biomedical laboratory facilities on the WSU campus.

Utah State University Facilities

The Agricultural Sciences Building is a 125,000-square-foot building. The north section has three stories of high-tech teaching and research labs for students and faculty, computer labs, classroom and auditorium spaces, student meeting rooms, and the Café on the Quad. The south section houses the faculty and administrative offices for several colleges and centers, including the School of Veterinary Medicine.

The Veterinary Sciences and Bacteriology Building has an anatomy lab and dedicated lecture hall, microbiology laboratories also used by the parasitology, toxicology, and virology programs, and an electron microscope facility. The facility also contains four fully equipped microbiology laboratories (including BSL-3 facilities), a cell culture laboratory, a drug preparation laboratory, and a glassware sterilization/preparation room.

The Mathew Hillyard Animal, Teaching and Research Center, part of the Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences South Farm Complex, has facilities to house and work with equine, dairy, beef, sheep, and swine.
The building includes a classroom, offices, and several animal physiology and reproduction labs. There is also a suite of veterinary medicine facilities, including lab, surgery, recovery, and animal holding areas. The building’s north wing houses an additional classroom, USDA-inspected meat lab, refrigeration rooms, and office space.

The **Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory** assists in diagnosing diseases of livestock, wildlife, and companion animals. The main laboratory in Logan and its satellite facility in Nephi are on the front lines of biosecurity in the state and intermountain region, diagnosing ailments such as West Nile virus, chronic wasting disease, hantavirus, and Exotic Newcastle disease that may spread among animals and sometimes into human populations. The laboratory works closely with veterinarians, regulatory agencies, public health agencies, laboratory animal caretakers, animal research units, and animal owners.

** Montana State University Facilities**

The **Molecular Biosciences Building** is a 40,000-square-foot research facility with modern research labs and core flow cytometry and microscopy suites. An anatomy lab and classrooms are dedicated to the WIMU Regional Program, including high-tech distance education capabilities. The building also houses administrative offices, a student lounge, and study area.

The **Johnson Family Livestock Facility** is a $3.4 million, 7,400 square foot agriculture BSL-2 state-of-the-art facility. The adjacent Veterinary Clinic is a 2,500 square foot large animal handling facility recently remodeled specifically for the WIMU program. Students gain hands-on experience in procedure rooms, surgical suites, and laboratories. Small class sizes allow students to have one-on-one opportunities to enhance their animal handling and restraint skills, along with their surgical, anatomy and palpation skills.

The **Veterinary Clinic Building** is a 2,400-square-foot teaching and research facility used for training in animal handling and research on infectious disease of livestock. The facility has animal handling and quarantine rooms.

The **Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory** is the only accredited, full-service veterinary laboratory in Montana. The laboratory provides disease diagnostic support to veterinarians, livestock producers, companion animal owners, and the Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks as well as many other state and federal agencies. The laboratory provides laboratory support to the Department’s Animal Health Division and Milk & Egg Bureau, and helps protect public health by testing dairy products and testing for zoonotic diseases.
Veterinary Medicine Curriculum

The first year DVM curriculum helps students understand the healthy animal, the second year is devoted to teaching diseases and the agents that cause them, and the third year courses teach students about the principles of medicine and surgery. The fourth, or clinical, year of the program begins in May immediately following the end of the third year and ends in May of the next year. An example of the core veterinary courses is provided below. Clinical experiences are encouraged throughout the first three years of the curriculum.

First Year

The first year of the curriculum focuses on helping the students understand the healthy animal.

Fall Semester
- Animals, society, and the veterinarian
- Veterinary microscopic anatomy
- Veterinary anatomy I
- Veterinary physiology I
- Animal handling and orientation
- Principles of surgery
- Introduction to clinics

Spring Semester
- Veterinary anatomy II
- Veterinary physiology II
- Veterinary neurology
- Veterinary immunology
- General pathology
- Basic nutrition
- Introduction to clinics
Second Year

The second year is devoted to teaching diseases and their causes.

Fall Semester
- Fundamentals of pharmacology
- Veterinary virology
- Veterinary bacteriology
- Systemic pathology
- Clinical pathology
- Introduction to clinics

Spring Semester
- Veterinary toxicology
- Veterinary parasitology
- Veterinary medicine and human health
- Clinical communication
- Epidemiology
- Clinical anesthesiology
- Radiology
- Emerging and exotic diseases of animals
- Introduction to clinics

Third Year

In the third year, students continue to learn about the principles of medicine and surgery.

Fall Semester
- Clinical communication
- Clinical veterinary pharmacology
- Small animal medicine I
- Small animal surgery
- Small animal surgery lab
- Agricultural animal medicine I
- Equine medicine
- Large animal surgery

Spring Semester
- Clinical specialties
- Practicum
- Small animal medicine II
- Agricultural animal medicine II
- Theriogenology
- Veterinary clinical nutrition
Fourth Year–Clinical Rotations

Clinical rotations teach veterinary students the art and practice of veterinary medicine. Students observe and participate in cutting-edge medicine, surgery, critical care, and well-being. They will see the most advanced diagnostic and imaging technology including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computerized tomography (CT). These experiences will be invaluable as they prepare to eventually refer cases themselves. Veterinary students rotate through the various services offered in the hospital to gain a broad range of experience.

We strongly believe a student’s educational experience is enhanced when expanded beyond the hospital setting. It is important for future veterinarians to see typical cases in primary or secondary animal care centers. Through the WSU externship/preceptorship program, students go offsite to shadow veterinarians in a routine practice setting, gain experience in their particular area of interest, or explore diverse career opportunities. For instance, students interested in small animal medicine currently have the opportunity to gain primary care experience with the Seattle Humane Society and the Idaho Humane Society as part of their fourth year rotations.

“I chose to attend WSU because as a Utah student it was the best way for me to keep my student loans down by receiving in-state tuition. Being able to spend the first two years in Utah close to home was a big advantage. I really appreciated the smaller class size at Utah State University and thought we had unique experiences and opportunities available to us.”

– Derek Lowe (’18 DVM) from Utah. He plans to return to Utah to work in a small animal general practice.
Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA)

WSU participates in the Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA), a nationwide student driven organization focused on filling business needs in veterinary education. The curriculum has 4 main pillars: Business Finance; Business Operations, Ownership, and Management; Business Leadership Skills; and Career and Personal Development. The WSU chapter has a very long history of being an innovative group and is nationally recognized for excellence and national level leadership. The national VBMA organization offers a business certificate with or without honors. WSU VBMA has the business certificate with honors as its standard which requires 32 hours of business education with equal exposure to the four core curriculum categories. WSU VBMA also requires the completion of an Honors Portfolio. Unique to WSU, the business certificate is recognized by the Dean, appears on students’ transcripts, and students graduate with cords. It takes about two years for most students to complete the program and can be done any time between first and fourth years.

Research Program Opportunities

Students at WSU have multiple opportunities to engage in dynamic research programs throughout all four years. Opportunities include the Research Scholars Program, Summer Research Program, research elective/supplemental core courses, Northwest Bovine Veterinary Experience Program, and combined DVM/graduate studies.

Research Scholars Program

Students entering the veterinary curriculum can apply for admission to the WSU Research Scholars Program. Admission to this program is competitive. In addition to completing the DVM curriculum, students participate in activities designed for those contemplating a research career in veterinary medicine. Activities include orientation to ongoing research in the college, seminar discussions of ethical and philosophical issues in research, development of a student–mentor relationship with a faculty member, and the design and implementation of a research project. A goal is that the research will lead to submission of an original scientific paper to a biomedical journal by the end of the last year of the professional program. Currently, stipends are provided to students in the Research Scholars Program. The college also offers a competitively based and mentored Summer Research Program for DVM students during summers of the first and second years of the veterinary curriculum.
Early Acceptance Undergraduate Programs at WSU

Highly motivated and uniquely qualified students may gain early acceptance (pre-admission) and early entry (admission) into the professional veterinary medical program. In cooperation with the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine, the WSU Honors College offers the Honors Pre-Admit Program in Veterinary Medicine and the WSU Department of Animal Sciences offers the Combined Program in Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine. These programs share the common goal of identifying and retaining highly qualified students early in their undergraduate programs by offering an opportunity to gain pre-admission into the professional program at the end of their first undergraduate year.

A student who is not selected to participate in one of the early acceptance and entry programs, or who fails to maintain the high academic standard, may enter the general applicant pool and become eligible to apply to the professional program as soon as requirements for the general application have been fulfilled.

**WSU Honors College Pre-Admit Veterinary Medicine Program**

All WSU Honors College students enrolled in participating pre-veterinary programs—including animal sciences, neuroscience, wildlife ecology, microbiology, and zoology—are eligible to apply for early acceptance and entry into the professional program. These students may only apply and interview for early acceptance and entry one time following their WSU freshman undergraduate year. Please note that pre-admitted Honors College students must complete an honors thesis prior to matriculation into the DVM program. Pre-admitted Honors College students are advised by the Honors College, the WSU pre-veterinary advisor, and their academic program. For more information, please contact the Honors College, honors.wsu.edu/academics/vetmedprogram.

**Combined Program in Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine**

The WSU Department of Animal Sciences offers students selected from its undergraduate program an opportunity to participate in its combined program to attract and retain highly qualified candidates with specific career interest in production animal medicine. Selection is by invitation only and requires a minimum entering high school GPA of 3.6 and significant experience with food-producing animals. Students are advised through the Department of Animal Sciences and the WSU pre-veterinary advisor. For additional information, please contact the WSU Department of Animal Sciences Advisor, Valorie Fisher, fishervk@wsu.edu
Application Procedure

Applications are available online by the middle of May. All applicants must use the online Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) as their primary application, aavmc.org/vmcas. An online WSU/WIMU supplemental application is also required and is located at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu. A $60 application/processing fee will be assessed as part of completing the online WSU/WIMU supplemental application.

All applicants must complete the **VMCAS and the WSU/WIMU supplemental applications**. Applicants must submit applications on or before the **September** VMCAS and WSU/WIMU supplemental deadlines.

All transcripts are submitted through the VMCAS system. Only students offered an interview and eventually admitted to the veterinary program will be asked to provide transcripts directly to WSU.

**GRE scores** should be submitted directly to VMCAS using the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine VMCAS Program ETS code. GRE scores must be received by September 17th for full consideration.

Applicants should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Washington residents, Idaho residents, residents of WICHE states, and nonresidents should request that reports be sent to WSU in order to guarantee consideration for financial aid if they are admitted. Montana residents should request that reports be sent to MSU and WSU. Utah residents should request that reports be sent to USU and WSU.
Residency

Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah have developed a regional acceptance contract with the Washington–Idaho–Montana–Utah (WIMU) program. The WSU College of Veterinary Medicine also serves Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Wyoming through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) program.

For admission, first preference is given to qualified applicants who are residents of WIMU regional contract states and qualified applicants funded by WICHE contract states. Second preference is given to qualified applicants in the nonresident pool.

The definition of residency for tuition paying purposes varies with individual states. It is highly recommended that applicants contact the appropriate state authority for information regarding residency requirements early in the application process.

Residency certification documentation for Idaho, Montana, and Utah residents must be received by their certifying offices no later than September 4, 2018.

Please see the following sources for information on verifying or obtaining residency for tuition paying purposes.

- Washington: residency.wsu.edu
- Idaho: uidaho.edu/registrar/registration/residency
- Montana: mus.edu/psep
- Utah: usu.edu/admissions/residency

Applicants from WICHE states should contact the WICHE office in their home state to determine what certification requirements apply to them (wiche.edu). Under the terms of the WICHE program, a certified student admitted from a WICHE state may receive sponsorship by his/her home state and pays resident tuition and fees only. Additional information may be obtained from:

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
3035 Center Green Drive, Suite 200
Boulder, CO 80301-2204
303-541-0200
wiche.edu
Nonresident Applicants

Applicants who are not residents of Washington, Idaho, Montana, or Utah or are not selected for funding by their WICHE state are considered in the nonresident applicant pool.

Students who are selected into the program as nonresidents at the Pullman campus can change their residency after one year and become Washington residents for tuition paying purposes. Students who are selected into the program as nonresidents at the Logan campus remain nonresidents all four years. Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah students, as a part of the regional program, will pay resident tuition all four years. Information on applying for Washington residency can be found at residency.wsu.edu.

Applications from international students are accepted and encouraged and are also considered in the nonresident pool. All international applicants must submit transcripts to a transcript evaluation service. International students must also demonstrate English proficiency. Either a language waiver or a TOEFL score greater than 650 on the paper based test or 114 on the internet based test is required. Please scroll to “Language Waivers” on the WSU Admissions site for more information about language waiver criteria. www.ip.wsu.edu/future-students/requirements/

While most international students will have to pay nonresident tuition for all four years, there are exceptions. Please see residency.wsu.edu. Further information on residency and the application process can be found at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu.

"From the minute I first stepped foot into the WSU CVM, I knew this was the place I wanted to study medicine. Every person you meet, whether they are faculty, staff, or student, embraces you as a colleague and goes out of their way to make you feel welcome. I couldn’t have asked for a better community than WSU to help me reach my full potential."

– Lauren Rath (‘20 DVM) from New Mexico. She hopes to return to New Mexico to work in a mixed animal practice.
The Admissions Process

The Admissions Committee considers both academic and non-cognitive qualities when evaluating an applicant. To assess these qualities, the Admissions Committee asks themselves two questions regarding the applicant: How likely is it that the applicant will be able to successfully complete our rigorous, science based veterinary curriculum? and Does the applicant possess the qualities of a successful veterinarian?

It is essential that applicants attempt to address all categories of the VMCAS and supplemental applications in order to fully answer these questions.

Academic Criteria

When evaluating an applicant’s academic qualities the Admissions Committee members ask themselves: How likely is it that the applicant will be able to successfully complete our rigorous, science based veterinary curriculum? Answering this question begins by considering the applicant’s academic indices including cumulative GPA, science GPA*, math GPA, last 45 semester hour (or last 60 quarter hour) GPA, DVM program prerequisite GPA, grades in upper division science courses, course load per semester, rigor of the major(s), participation in honors programs, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores**, and record of academic honors and achievements.

Veterinary medicine is a rigorous science based field. When evaluating an applicant, emphasis is placed on physical and biological science preparation. Prerequisite coursework is considered an essential foundation, while excellence in additional upper division science courses further indicates that an applicant is more likely to be able to successfully complete our program, applicants can major in any subject area, and are evaluated based on the rigor of the coursework completed as a requirement of that major. The Admissions Committee strongly recommends completion of the baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation to the DVM program. If a baccalaureate degree has not been earned by the time of application or matriculation, the Admissions Committee will still base its decisions on the strength and breadth of the applicant’s educational background.

* Science GPA will include all physical science and biological science courses.

** GRE scores are calculated by averaging the percentile rank from the three sections of the general test (composite score). If an application contains more than one set of GRE scores, the Committee will consider the highest composite score. Highest emphasis is placed on the quantitative score.
Graduate Record Examination
The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is a computer-based comprehensive knowledge exam. The Educational Testing Service administers the GRE. For convenient scheduling of the test, call 1-800-GRE-CALL or visit them on the web at ets.org/gre. GRE Scores should be submitted directly to VMCAS using the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine VMCAS Program ETS code. GRE scores must be received by September 17th for full consideration. Please note: test scores that are more than five years old on or before September 17th of the year of application will not be accepted. Only the general GRE exam is required. Subject tests are not considered.

Prerequisites
The Admissions Committee views a solid and broad undergraduate experience as crucial preparation for the DVM program. While a bachelor’s degree is evidence of such experience, if a degree has not been earned by the time of application, the Admissions Committee will still base its decisions on the strength and breadth of the applicant’s educational background. The Admissions Committee will look for evidence that courses from the following categories have been satisfactorily completed:

Physical and Biological Science Requirements
- Biology w/lab .......................................................... 8
- Inorganic chemistry w/lab ......................................8
- Organic chemistry w/lab .......................................4
- Genetics .................................................................. 3-4
- Biochemistry ......................................................... 3
- Physics w/lab .......................................................... 4
- Statistics (methods) ............................................... 3
- Algebra, pre-calculus, or higher ............................. 3

General Education Requirements*
- English composition/communication ..................... 6
- Arts & humanities/social science/history, etc. ......... 21

Total semester credit hours......................................... 64

* If an applicant has received or will receive a bachelor’s degree prior to matriculation, the general education prerequisites are considered fulfilled regardless of credit hours. The science and math prerequisites are required regardless of degree(s) earned.

Ensuring that all prerequisites have been completed prior to entry into the DVM program is the sole responsibility of the applicant. A list of WSU prerequisite courses, equivalences of which may be met at other institutions, can be found at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu. Applicants are highly encouraged to consult with a pre-veterinary or pre-health advisor at their institution when determining prerequisite course equivalency.
Advanced Placement/Running Start Credits
While Advanced Placement (AP) or Running Start credits may be acceptable for some prerequisites, applicants are encouraged to view such credits as an opportunity to qualify for and enroll in upper division physical and biological science courses, rather than simply as a means for “testing out” of prerequisites. The goal of the applicant should be to prepare as best they can for our rigorous, science-based, veterinary curriculum. Upper division science courses are deemed to be highly preparatory for the DVM program. Please use the WSU AP or IB credit chart to determine if your score will transfer in as the equivalent WSU course number listed in the prerequisite course descriptions found at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu.

Electives
Students spending more than two years in pre-professional programs have time to take a number of elective courses. Highly valued, but not required, electives include mammalian or comparative anatomy, physiology, embryology, microbiology, immunology, computer science, physics II, and animal science courses, including nutrition.

Non-Cognitive Criteria
When evaluating an applicant’s non-cognitive qualities the Admissions Committee members ask themselves: Does the applicant possess the qualities of a successful veterinarian? In order to answer this question, the Admissions Committee considers various non-cognitive criteria such as motivation, communication and teamwork skills, compassion and empathy, professionalism, integrity and ethics, maturity, experience with a veterinarian in your desired area of interest, and knowledge of the profession. The following paragraphs describe components of the application that are used by the Admissions Committee to evaluate these criteria. Applicants are encouraged to include experience in all areas as applicable on the VMCAS application.

Experience Categories on the VMCAS Application
The VMCAS application offers the applicant the opportunity to list several types of experience. It is best not to list a specific experience in more than one category (i.e., do not double list). Include all areas of experience as well as those not related to animals extending back through high school, beginning with the most recent. Applicants are evaluated on all of the following experience categories and are encouraged to include experience in all applicable areas.

Veterinary Experience
Veterinary experiences should relate to any veterinary clinical, agribusiness, or health science experiences which took place under the supervision of a veterinarian. Veterinary experience provides a basic knowledge of the veterinary profession. Applicants will be assessed on the quality, depth, and breadth of their experience. While applicants are encouraged to aim for approximately 250-500 hours of clinical experience, there is
no minimum number of hours necessary for consideration. It is also recommended that experience hours align with an applicant’s identified species/career interest. Do NOT list any veterinary research experiences in this section. ALL research opportunities should be listed in the research section. The experiences you report in this section should also be different from those entered for animal and employment experience. Participating in public health, academic medicine, regulatory medicine, or industry can enhance an applicant’s appreciation for the breadth of the veterinary profession. The Admissions Committee also takes involvement in seminars, practicums, and other veterinary professional activities into account. These experiences can be paid or volunteer, or part of a classroom/internship program.

Animal Experience
Animal experiences should include farm and ranch experiences, 4-H and FFA membership, animal training, or other similar activities which were NOT under the supervision of a veterinarian. The experiences you report in this section should be different from those entered for veterinary and employment experience. Animal experience may also include (but is not limited to) classroom experiences, pet sitting, and care of personal pets, experience at rehabilitation facilities or humane societies and shelters, as well as breeding, rearing, feeding, and showing various companion animals, livestock, laboratory animals, zoo animals, or wildlife.

Research Experience
Research should include all experiences in a research environment. Please report research experiences in THIS section, regardless of whether or not they were related to animals or under the supervision of a veterinarian. Be very specific about your work/involvement in the research experiences entered in this section. The Admissions Committee values an applicant’s experience in the broad field of research. This experience does not have to be directly affiliated with veterinary medicine, and research experience is NOT required for admission to the DVM program.

Employment Experience
List and describe all paid work done OUTSIDE of the animal or veterinary field; for example, a retail or restaurant job. Do not include any experience listed in veterinary, animal, or research experience. This information helps the Admissions Committee better understand time commitments an applicant has beyond the classroom, as well as gives some insight into the applicant’s work ethic. Both full-time and part-time work experience should be included in this section of the application as it helps the Admissions Committee with a composite evaluation of an applicant.
Extracurricular Activities
List and describe ALL extracurricular activities in which you were engaged, including those during high school beginning with the most recent first. Extracurricular activities may include (but are not limited to) participation in sports, clubs, music, arts, hobbies, etc. This information provides the Admissions Committee with an idea of how well rounded an applicant you are, and how outside activities may influence your academic record.

Volunteer Experience/Community Enrichment
This category includes volunteer work done outside of the animal care field; for example, working for Habitat for Humanity, tutoring students, church activities, participating in or working for a fundraiser walk, donating blood, donating clothes, donating time to political campaigns, etc. Community service activities are viewed as an indication of an applicant’s desire to contribute to society. The applicant should clearly and succinctly describe their level of participation in these activities. These activities need not be directly affiliated with animals or veterinary medicine as those types of experiences should be included in other experience categories.

Achievements
List and describe honors, awards, or scholarships you have received, including those in high school. For honors, awards, or scholarships received in multiple years or semesters, you may either enter them as multiple entries with the same name, or, if the honor or award was received consecutively, as one entry spanning multiple years. Please enter in chronological order from most recent to least recent. If you are unsure of a date, please estimate. Honors and awards may include (but are not limited to) Dean’s List, President’s List, National Honor Society membership, and leadership positions in clubs, organizations, religious groups,
and athletics. Achievements, leadership ability, and participation in academic and other activities will be evaluated carefully. These activities need not be directly affiliated with animals or veterinary medicine. The applicant should clearly and succinctly describe their level of participation in these activities.

**Evaluations/Electronic Letters of Reference (eLORs)**
Each applicant should obtain a minimum of three evaluations (the program will accept up to six evaluations) to aid the Admissions Committee in assessing personal traits. At a minimum, your application must have the following three evaluations: (1) A licensed veterinarian with whom the applicant has interacted fairly extensively; (2) A current or former academic (e.g., professor, teaching assistant, laboratory instructor, advisor from college) who can speak to the applicant’s academic ability; (3) Individuals (e.g., another DVM, another academic, employer) who can evaluate the oral and written communication skills as well as the scientific background of the applicant. The best individuals for these evaluations are those who know the applicant well enough to provide meaningful comments. Graduate students should include an evaluation from their major advisor. Applicants who have been out of school for at least two years do not need to provide an academic reference.

**Explanation Statement**
While this section is NOT REQUIRED, you can use it to record information that could not be listed anywhere else within the web application which requires detailed explanation. This section can also be used to provide the Admissions Committee additional information that you consider vital to your application. Your explanation statement should be clearly and succinctly written.

Examples of pertinent information might include explanations about interruptions in your studies or experiences, unique circumstances you have faced, or reasons for decisions you have made. Extenuating circumstances such as extensive extracurricular work commitments or family responsibilities are also taken into consideration.

**Essay Questions**
Applicants will answer three essay questions as part of the VMCAS application. These questions provide applicants an opportunity to make a case as to why they are the best possible student for the DVM program and to set themselves apart from other candidates.

**Personal Interview**
The non-cognitive evaluation of the top qualified applicants in the WIMU and nonresident applicant pools may include a personal interview. The interview consists of a 30-minute
personal interview with two to four members of the Admissions Committee. Designed to ask behavioral and knowledge-based questions, the interview will be used to assess the applicant’s motivation, communication and teamwork skills, compassion and empathy, professionalism, integrity and ethics, maturity, experience with a veterinarian in your desired area of interest, and knowledge of the profession. The interview is an important part of the assessment process, and the applicant should consider this a professional interview (prepare and dress accordingly). Interviewees are also encouraged to review their applications so that they are comfortable about any question that might be targeted toward something they put on either the VMCAS or WSU/WIMU supplemental application.

Interviews for Washington residents, Idaho residents, and nonresidents are held in Pullman, Washington. Montana residents interview in Bozeman, Montana, and Utah residents interview in Logan, Utah. In addition to the interview, applicants are encouraged to extend their stay so that they can participate in the many scheduled events that are designed to provide information about the DVM program. Some of these opportunities may include: sit in on a class or laboratory, tour the facilities, meet with current students and ambassadors, and attend an evening mixer where you can meet other applicants, along with faculty, staff, and students.

**Final Evaluation**

After all information has been reviewed for academically qualified applicants, the Admissions Committee will meet to recommend which applicants it feels are best suited to enter the veterinary curriculum. Academic and non-cognitive factors will be used to reach the committee’s final recommendation. In the case of WICHE applicants, the process will yield a ranked list of all applicants from each sending state. Ranking of applicants from each WICHE state by the receiving regional colleges of veterinary medicine helps determine which applicants are funded each year by their respective states. Admissions Committee recommendations for all other applicant pools, including recommendations of applicants who are acceptable for admission and those recommended for denial of admission, are submitted to the Director of Admissions and Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine for final review. This final review of Admissions Committee recommendations is based on the same non-cognitive criteria evaluated by the Admissions Committee to ensure that the college is admitting a class that reflects a broad diversity of anticipated career pathways and goals, life experiences and circumstances, and stated interests in serving the veterinary profession and society. This process will generate a final grouping of applicants into those who will receive offers of admission, a waitlist group from which offers of admission may be made at a later date, and a group denied admission.
Washington State University
Non-Discrimination Statement

WSU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. For additional information please visit www.oeo.wsu.edu/discrimination.

Notification Procedures

At the time of notification of interview, all unsuccessful candidates are also notified of their status. All WIMU applicants who are interviewed are notified of their status within two weeks following their interview. A number of interviewed applicants who are not initially made offers of admission are given waitlist status, and may be offered admission at a later date. Barring delays in the ranking process, WICHE applicants should be notified by early spring. Some WICHE applicants are also given waitlist status. Unsuccessful applicants who wish to be considered the following year must submit new application materials.

The Admissions Committee assumes the applicant, if offered admission, is fully prepared to enter the veterinary program starting the next fall semester. Deferral of admission is considered by the Director of Admissions on a case-by-case basis and granted only under special circumstances.
Tuition, Fees, and Other Expenses

Tuition, fees, and other charges are subject to change by the action of the various legislative bodies. The information presented here, although current, should be considered only as an estimate.

**Pullman, WA Campus — Approximate Yearly Expenses for 2017-2018**

Resident Tuition and Fees
(WA, ID, and WICHE-sponsored) ...................................................... $25,934
*Nonresident Tuition and Fees ...................................................... $59,164
*Nonresidents have the opportunity to change their residency to WA after their first year, therefore paying resident tuition for years 2-4.

**Logan, UT Campus — Approximate Yearly Expenses for 2017-2018**

Resident Tuition and Fees (Utah) ...................................................... $24,428
Nonresident Tuition and Fees w/ Scholarship ................................... $49,058
Nonresident Tuition and Fees w/out Scholarship .............................. $57,658

**Bozeman, MT Campus — Approximate Yearly Expenses for 2017-2018**

Resident Tuition and Fees (Montana) ............................................... $23,657

Total expenses for students may be greater than indicated above due to the cost of necessary additional expenditures for books, supplies, and other items. Microscopes are furnished for all first and second year students for $100 per year to cover maintenance and insurance. Students may purchase their own microscopes if desired.

Financial Aid

Adequate financing for the professional program is essential. Further information on available financial aid can be obtained from Student Financial Services, financialaid.wsu.edu. Applicants should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Washington residents, Idaho residents, residents of WICHE states, and nonresidents should request that reports be sent to WSU in order to guarantee consideration for financial aid if they are admitted. Utah residents should request that reports be sent to USU and WSU. Montana residents should request that reports be sent to MSU and WSU.

Scholarships

The WSU College of Veterinary Medicine maintains an active scholarship and awards program. Each year approximately $650,000 is awarded to currently enrolled students. WSU has some additional funds designated for incoming students based on academic achievement and need. An application for scholarships and awards is provided through the Office of Student Services, College of Veterinary Medicine, in June/July for incoming students and in January for currently enrolled students. Students are also encouraged to apply for general university scholarships, as well as through other sources.
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply to the WIMU Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine to start in Pullman, Logan, or Bozeman?

Students interested in starting the program at any of our campuses will complete the VMCAS application and the WSU/WIMU supplemental application. All applicants apply to Washington State University. Accepted Utah residents attend the Logan campus for their first two years, followed by two years on the Pullman campus. Accepted Montana residents attend the Bozeman campus for their first year, followed by three years on the Pullman campus. Accepted Washington, Idaho, and WICHE-sponsored applicants attend the Pullman campus. Nonresident applicants can apply to Logan and/or Pullman. Nonresidents must indicate on their WSU/WIMU supplemental application for which campuses they would like to be considered.

Do I need to submit transcripts when I apply?

All transcripts are submitted through the VMCAS system. Only students offered an interview and eventually admitted to the veterinary program will be asked to provide transcripts directly to WSU.

What should I major in at college?

No preference is given for any particular undergraduate major. Any undergraduate major or degree will qualify for application as long as the prospective applicant has fulfilled all DVM program prerequisites (see academic and non-cognitive criteria). It is strongly recommended that applicants pursue a bachelor’s degree in a desired field in the event they are not accepted into a DVM program, rather than concentrating on a major solely with an eye toward gaining entry into the DVM program.
Is it acceptable to attend a community/junior college?

While some prerequisite courses may be taken at a community college, other coursework may only be available at a four-year institution. If you do attend a community college, be sure to get in touch with a transfer advisor to make sure all credits will be transferable to a four-year institution and a pre-veterinary advisor at your institution to ensure your classes satisfy the prerequisites for the DVM program.

Does it matter where I get my undergraduate degree?

No, what is more important is your success in your academic program. The Admissions Committee will review the rigor of the program and its courses, as well as the rigor of an applicant’s schedule at a given period of time. Some schools do offer more or less rigorous programs and this should be considered by prospective students.

How many years are required in veterinary school?

Four years of study are required in the professional program to obtain a DVM degree, regardless of the number of years spent in pre-professional or pre-veterinary preparation.

Do all of the prerequisites have to be completed before I submit my application?

No. The Admissions Committee will look for evidence that the physical and biological science prerequisites have been satisfactorily completed or will be completed prior to entry into the DVM program. Applicants are evaluated on the strength of prerequisite coursework completed at the time of application. While some prerequisites may be in progress or planned at the time of application, applicants will be expected to have completed all the prerequisite courses with a C- or higher before entering our program.

How do I know if my college courses satisfy the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine prerequisites?

Prerequisite coursework is checked at the time of application review. We highly recommend speaking with a pre-veterinary or pre-health advisor at your institution if you have questions about prerequisite courses, to determine which courses at your institution will fulfill our prerequisites. You can also visit our prerequisite webpage for more information at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu.
Are my chances of getting into the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine program better if I attend WSU as an undergraduate?

No. Qualified students are accepted from academic institutions around the world. A student’s state of residency, however, is a consideration. Detailed information about admissions statistics, can be found at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu.

Does WSU have a “tracking” curriculum?

A tracking curriculum, in which students are asked to identify species or discipline interests very early in their veterinary medical education, is not practiced at WSU. Our curriculum is designed to provide our graduates with a core knowledge base, meaning that each graduate leaves the DVM program with the knowledge they need to function as a practice-ready veterinarian across the full range of domestic species. Students are able to enhance their preparation in specific areas of interest by taking various electives, supplemental core courses, and participating in off-campus experiences.

What if I have a disability?

The WSU program is committed to assisting students who have disabilities with reasonable accommodations. Students with concerns should contact the WSU Access Center, accesscenter.wsu.edu.

How are applications from underrepresented groups considered?

The program is committed to recruiting and admitting a highly qualified, diverse student body.

If I am a non-traditional student and veterinary medicine is a second career choice, what should I do to start pursuing my new career choice?

All applicants are evaluated based on the same academic and non-cognitive criteria. Please review the information listed under “Admissions” at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu for more information.
What is the gender distribution in the veterinary program?

Entering classes for the past five years have included approximately 75% women and 25% men.

Can I take the VCAT or MCAT instead of the GRE?

No. We do not accept any substitutions for the GRE General Test.

Can I retake the GRE to improve my scores?

Yes. WSU will consider the highest score per section from exams taken within the five year period.

Is it appropriate to list religious activities on the application?

Yes, if they are relevant to one of the application sections. Many applicants participate in service activities, national and international mission work, and gain other life experience from participation in a belief system. Applicants should feel welcome to include this information where appropriate.

Do evaluations from influential people help?

These evaluations help no more than those from any other individual. Generally, the best evaluations are written by people who know you well enough to provide candid and detailed information about your technical and non-technical abilities.

Should I apply for financial aid before I know if I have been accepted?

Yes, definitely! FAFSA applications will be accepted throughout the spring. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Can I reapply if I don’t get accepted to veterinary school?

Yes. Many of our successful applicants have applied more than once; some have applied multiple times.
Do I need to submit a new application the next year I wish to apply?

Yes. Applications are not carried over from year to year, so if you are unsuccessful and wish to be reconsidered for admission in a different year, you must submit a new VMCAS application (including transcripts and evaluations) and WSU/WIMU supplemental application.

Does WSU accept transfer students from other veterinary programs?

Transfers are extremely rare, and based on openings within our current classes. When you accept a veterinary program position, you should be prepared to remain in that program for its entirety as transferring is not a guarantee. If you wish, you may continue in the transfer application process as described on our website. Completed transfer applications will be reviewed by our Director of Admissions and representatives from the Admissions Committee. In the event that a position does open up, an offer may be made to the top applicant in the transfer pool. Please be sure to read our transfer policy for more information at dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu.

Does the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine offer a veterinary technician/assistant program?

No. Please see avma.org for more information on veterinary technician/assistant training programs.

What courses should a high school student take to prepare for a career in veterinary medicine?

A high school student should follow a solid college preparatory program, including English, mathematics, sciences (particularly biology, chemistry, and physics), and social sciences.
When you visit WSU’s College of Veterinary Medicine, you will know you are someplace special.

There are many special things about us you will learn on your visit. Our Veterinary Teaching Hospital, where we encourage students to begin training their very first year, is one of the best equipped in the county. We treat thousands of patients each year including companion animals, horses, livestock, and exotics. Our highly accomplished faculty work side-by-side with students providing hands-on experience right from the beginning. We offer students the tools they need to succeed including courses in surgical skills, ethics, service, leadership, client communication, and diagnostic reasoning. Students may also take courses in veterinary business management and participate in multiple research opportunities throughout all four years.

What makes us exceptional is the community feeling and widespread support from faculty, fellow students, and our staff. Experience it for yourself. We welcome visitors anytime. Come meet our faculty, talk with students, or take a tour of our state-of-the-art facilities. Come be part of our community!

For WSU veterinary students the opportunities are endless. What will you do at WSU?

To arrange a visit, please complete and submit a visit request form by going to dvm.vetmed.wsu.edu or call us at 509-335-5107.

Please give at least one week notice of your anticipated arrival. For travel details please visit the WSU Travel website at wsu.edu/life/visit.

“During my visit to WSU, I was able to spend time in the teaching hospital observing procedures. I knew from that visit that I was going to get the exposure and access I would need to be successful in practice.”

– Katelyn Littleton (DVM’20) from New Mexico. She is interested in large animal medicine with a focus in equine general practice.
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