Utah State University School of Veterinary Medicine

WIMU Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine
with Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine
**FAQ #1**

**How does the WIMU Regional Program – Logan site work?**

Up to 20 Utah residents and up to 10 nonresidents spend their first two years in Logan at Utah State University and then spend years three and four in Pullman at Washington State University. The curriculum is taught by Utah State University faculty from the Department of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences, paralleling the curriculum taught at WSU. Upon successful completion of the four year program, the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree is conferred by the Regents of Washington State University. Although Utah State University is a partner in the program, all students receive their DVM degrees from WSU.

**FAQ #2**

**How do I apply to the WIMU Regional Program – Logan site?**

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. Utah residents must verify their residency by completing a Utah Residency Certification Form. Nonresidents may list their preference (not guaranteed) on the WSU/WIMU supplemental application to spend four years at the Pullman campus or begin in Logan, Utah for the first two years.

**FAQ #3**

**Do applicants have to attend Utah State University (USU) as undergraduates to apply to the WIMU Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine – Logan site?**

No! We encourage all applicants to apply to our program, regardless of where they take undergraduate courses. No preference is given to applicants who attended USU as undergraduates. All applicants must successfully complete 37 credits of math and science prerequisite coursework, and 27 credits of general education requirements (the 27 credit requirement will be considered fulfilled if you have a bachelor’s degree), prior to matriculation into the veterinary medical program. These courses can be taken at most two and four year institutions.

**FAQ #4**

**How does the Logan site replicate the first two years of the veterinary medical education in Pullman, particularly without a Veterinary Teaching Hospital on site?**

All students in our program are required to take Introduction to Clinics during their first year. Veterinary students in Logan get hands-on experience at primary care veterinary clinics in the greater Logan area. Some clinics encourage interested students to be “on call” for interesting after hours cases. Logan students learn animal handling and restraint, principles of surgery, and palpation skills in the Mathew Hillyard Animal, Teaching, and Research Center and at local ranches and farms. Multiple surgical and procedure set-ups allow small group sizes for an enhanced hands-on learning experience. Furthermore, Logan students have access to many clubs and organizations both in person on the Logan site and via live streaming with the Pullman and Bozeman students. Most core courses are taught on site by USU faculty. Some elective courses, clubs, and specialized core course topics are taught via distance learning through multiple media venues. Logan students also have access to taped lectures from the Bozeman and Pullman sites.
FAQ #5

Will I be as academically prepared as students in Pullman when I arrive at WSU?

Yes, you will be prepared. You might even be better prepared! The small class size facilitates discussion and question and answer sessions. Access to teaching faculty and a lot of one-on-one attention enhances and enriches the learning experience. Faculty at all three sites are teaching the courses with the same syllabi, the same course objectives, and co-written examinations.

FAQ #6

Will I feel like a freshman twice? How will I be integrated into years three and four in Pullman?

All WIMU students participate together in an orientation experience before the start of classes their first year. This builds relationships between incoming classmates and facilitates collaboration and camaraderie throughout the first two years and beyond. Relationships are also enriched through class and club video streaming, along with structured trips to the Pullman site during the first two years.

Facilities

Agricultural Sciences Building

The Agricultural Sciences Building is a 125,000-square-foot LEED-certified 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.

Veterinary Sciences and Bacteriology Building

The Veterinary Sciences and Bacteriology Building has a recently renovated anatomy lab and dedicated lecture hall, microbiology laboratories 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.

Mathew Hillyard Animal, Teaching, and Research Center

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 WIMU program in Utah has allowed me to develop a family from my classmates. We all care for each other and work well together. The class sizes are conducive to learning and I have more one-on-one time with my professors."

- Kathryn Kammerer (’19 DVM) from Utah

“I loved starting at Utah State the first two years with a small class size. With only 30 students, it was easy for the instructors to give us more individual attention and make sure we were fully understanding the material. The school’s clinicians were happy and willing to have us assist in everyday procedures with university animals to further our skills and education."

– Kristen Pitsenbarger (’19 DVM) from California

“Being a part of the WIMU program has given me the opportunity to find multiple mentors among the faculties of two excellent universities. I feel fortunate to be associated with both USU and WSU.”

- Nate Whiting (’17 DVM) from Utah
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