# Michigan State University Vet School

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Students should make sure that there's a match and fit between the vet school and the applicant, for example, the prereqs that are required, and the actual program. There is an holistic selection process based on their mission. Applicants should the school’s mission statement before applying. They teach via flipped classroom, classroom size 115.

The preclinical courses are structured around organ systems. They do not track, They do not have pre- specified tracks. There are ten required rotations, and 10 elective rotations that students will choose based on their interests. You can combine the DVM with masters in either public health or food safety, or with a PhD. They also have corporate partnerships.

## VMCAS

Application opens mid-January, they recommend that you start the application in January. In May the applicant selects the schools they want to apply to. The application due date is usually mid-September around the 15th. They recommend that three weeks prior to this deadline that you complete the application. Cost is $227 for the first program then $124 for each additional program. You need 3 letters of recommendation, transcripts, WES eval for international students, etc.. They recommend 150 hours’ worth of veterinarian shadowing, 150 hours not required but recommended. They do not require the GRE, there is no supplemental application. They will be adding a Physiology course requirement in either animal or human physiology. If applicant is accepted there is an admission fee.

## GPA

GPA is based on the last three semesters or 36 credits. The GPA must be three or above. Science prerequisites GPA - this is calculated based on the science courses that are prerequisites for the program, not on all your science courses. These science prereqs must be 100% completed when applying and you must get a grid C or higher for each of these courses. There are 16 science prereqs. These prereqs include an upper level bio course from either: cell biology, microbiology, genetics, neurobiology, immunology, or cancer. In the talk they listed these as three or 400 level courses but the question arises, what if they are taught at the 200 level at your institution? Reach out to admissions about this. They are adding a Physiology pre-req requirement. You can complete a form online describing your Physiology course and submit it to MSU to see if they will accept it.

## Personal Statement

In your personal statement you should address why you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Explain experiences that have motivated you towards veterinary medicine, the reasons for your choice and how it fits in with your aspirations for the future. Give examples of influences based on your work, experiences etcetera. You write one personal statement even though you're applying to multiple schools so make sure your personal statement aligns with all the schools that you are applying to. For MSU it's also possible to submit an additional essay in response to prompts; one prompt was on challenges and hardships, the other one was on the CVM values. These are not required.

## Experiences

When describing your experiences, they're looking for depth, breadth, and growth. Their tip - include everything and tell them why. Give brief description of your responsibilities and tasks then explain the reason for your choice and how it helped you grow and develop. Experiences come under the following titles: animal, veterinary, research, community service/ volunteer work, employment, extracurriculars (such as music, sports; within extracurricular include any leadership roles). Tip - include everything in your experiences section and tell them why.

## Letters of Recommendation

Three are required, they will only read three even if you submit more. One has to come from a vet. Do not submit letters from family members. Give your recommenders the information they need to write the letter for you, such as your resume, transcripts, and remind your letter writer of the experience they had with you and when. Letters should confirm and expand on your experiences and highlight your unique attributes. The application is not complete if it does not have all three letters so follow up and make sure all letters are submitted.

## Selection Process

There's the academic review - basically looking at the last three semesters’ GPA which must be three or above, and that your science prerequisite courses are 100% complete. Then there's the file review - this involves your description of your experiences, your essays, letters of recommendation. Again, they are looking for depth, breadth, and growth through experiences.

Following the file review they invite select applicants for virtual multiple mini interviews; there are seven of these multiple mini interviews. You should reach out to the admissions office to get more information on these interviews. If you're selected, offers are made based on the file review and the interviews. They have two applicant pools - 65 in the in-state, and 55 out of state. January to March – interviews, March to April - notifications of offers or wait listing. April 15th is the reply deadline for offers. Following this, if you're on the wait list you might find out if you've been given an offer.

## Cost

In-state - approximately $30,000 per semester per year. Out-of-state - approximately $37,000 per semester per year. This is before the cost of living has been taken into account.

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