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UTCVM offers a Masters in Public Health degree, which does not involve clinical practice

-you can get a clinical practice and an MPH degree in a similar time frame

-it takes 1 or 2 semesters after getting a DVM to get an MPH

-you can take any MPH courses in vet school

-Veterinary College Application Services- used by 25 of the 28 vet schools in the US

There are 8 or 9 international vet schools accredited by the Council of Education, including ones in London, Scotland, Australia, and New Zealand.

Military has tremendous scholarship programs available for vet students.

Free school + books + \$1800 per month.

Last year they had between 40 and 50 scholarships and a little over 200 applicants

Military will be here on Friday at lunchtime in room C 205 (on second floor) if you wish to contact them in person.

Veterinary medicine has its roots in agriculture

-Federal government in 2004 passed a bill to fund vet school grads who choose to go into rural areas.

-First semester of vet school is 18 hours

-Other semesters average out between 19 and 21

-much heavier course load

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Website:

<http://www.aavmc.org/VetProfilesplash.htm>

-gives you a great deal of info on which states have vet schools, possible career opportunities (jobs other than clinical practice), info on VMCAS

-if you're not sure of exactly what you can do with your DVM, this is a GREAT website to visit

UTCVM was founded in 1974.

-1st class came entered in 1976 and graduated in 1979.

-They started out as a 3 year program and switched to four.

-Summers off between 1st and 2nd years, no summer break between 3rd and 4th years.

-One reason why they switched to 4 years is because there are many internships and research opportunities that arise in the summers.

-1 in 3 TN applicants that applies is admitted to UTCVM

-Out of state is closer to 1 in 10 or more applicants.

-They are currently looking for a new curriculum for senior year.

-There will be a core curriculum of small, large, food animal, pathology, anesthesiology, radiology, and equine. The rest will be elective. This goes to graduate school approval on Oct. 4th.

-There will also be additional externship opportunities. Ex.: zoos

-This should give your schedule more flexibility so that you

-There is a plan to renovate the large animal clinic

-about a \$20M project.

-the vet school is open to referrals from other clinics.

Academic assessment for vet school:

GPA: overall college GPA x 6

Physical Sciences GPA (chem., physics, BCMB 401) x12

Biological Science GPA (includes animal sciences) x 6

GPA of Last four semesters of full-time work (10 hours per term) x 6

-Once you earn a grade of C in a course, if you retake and make an A, it does not count for the vet school!!!

-If you make less than a C and retake the course and make above a C the second time, those two grades are averaged.

-There is no minimum GPA. Every year there are a few in-state students who get in with below a 3.0, but for out-of-state students, the minimum is a 3.2.

-The average GPA for vet school is currently a 3.6.

-If you have any worries or concerns about your grades and how they measure up for vet school, talk to Dean Brace.

-you do get some bonus points for taking more course hours. Tops out at 130 hours.

-Average course load per term: the higher your course hour average, more bonus points. Most applicants are in the 13 or 16-17 range.

-it's important to take a couple of hard course loads to learn how to manage your time for vet school.

GRE: verbal and analytical sections are scored on a 200-800 pt basis.

Writing component scored on a 6 pt basis.

-GRE can add up to a maximum of 25 points to your vet school application.

-the average is usually 8-12.

For TN residents, it's a good idea to use a minimum of 100 pts for your academic profile to increase your chances for being invited for an interview.

Interviews: typically take place over UTK's spring break.

-You will interview with 2 practicing veterinarian and 1 graduate

-Interviewers are blind to your academic profile; they just have your demographics and animal experience info, letters of reference, and personal statement.

-The hardest part of your application is your personal statement.

-Communication and personal presentation is a big factor.

-Interview is worth 68 pts. They decide individually how many points they will give you.

Scores must be justified by interviewers and can be changed or discussed.

-If you receive a rejection letter, call or make an appointment to see Dean Brace and discuss why you didn't get in and how you can improve.

-Interview score is added to total score and total score determines whether or not you're accepted.

This past graduating class: 65 graduated and 64 passed the board the first time they took it. They walked out of the door with 2-4 jobs per person.

Answers to questions:

You CAN fail out of vet school.

There is a 94-95% success rate for graduating vet school.

There are people who leave vet school and then come back for various reasons.

If you leave vet school, you may have to reapply depending on how far in you were and what your circumstances are.

Classes are now around 80% female.

When you make a D in vet school, you have to go before the academic progress committee, although a D will not necessarily prevent you from moving onward. The academic progress committee will make the decision to move you forward or suspend you if you have too many D's.

If you make an F, you can be suspended or dismissed from the program.

If you are dismissed, you need to reapply.

You can graduate vet school with a C average and still get your license. Typically, the lowest is a 2.5 or 2.7. the minimum is a 2.0.

Announcements:

Pet Memorial Day: Sunday, September 13, 2009 at Plant Biotech

CASNR Haunted House: Thursday October 29: 6:00-8:00 PM

Job Opening: Midland Pet Emergency Clinic in Maryville.

Send resume to: 235 S. Calderwood Alcoa, TN 37701

Contact Renee Jones

E-mails are on the way with info about Horse Haven and the Knoxville Zoo! Be sure to check your e-mail this week! 😊

Next meeting (September 22)- Krista Ammons from Kaplan is going to speak with us about the GRE