



# Applying to Veterinary School

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# Seminar Agenda



1. Canadian Veterinary School Overview
2. Vet Student Presentation
  - a. The Application Process
  - b. Interview Tips
  - c. Supplementary Application
3. Vet Student Q and A session

# General Information

- There are 5 veterinary schools in Canada. Students must apply to the Veterinary College in their region of residency. The OVC at Guelph serves Ontario.
- Each school has its own relatively unique methods of selection.
- The rules change yearly.

# Schools in Canada



## Ontario Veterinary College

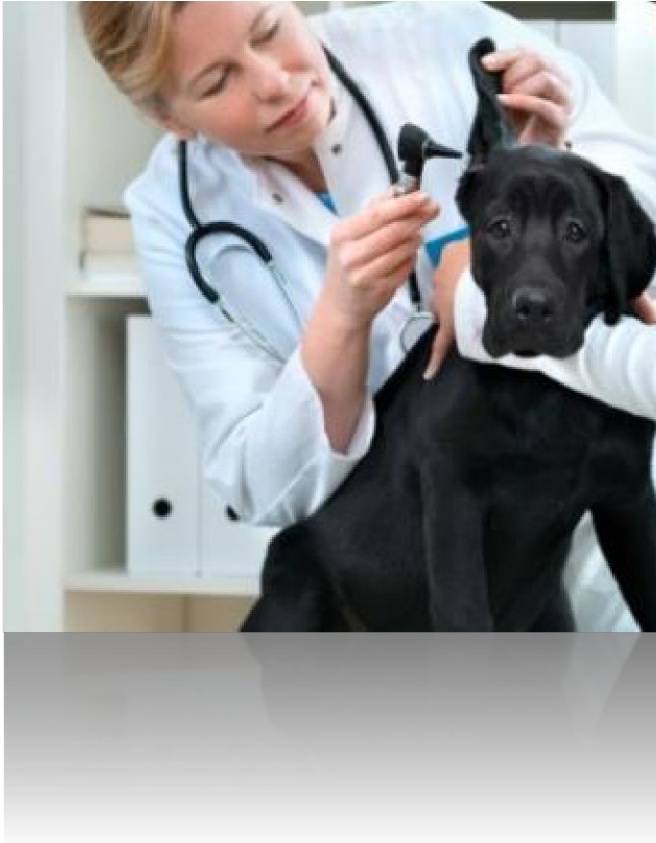
- University of Guelph
  - Serves Ontario

## Atlantic Veterinary College

- University of Prince Edward Island
  - Serves the 4 Atlantic provinces & territories

## Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

- University of Calgary
  - Serves Alberta



# Schools in Canada (cont'd)



## Western College of Veterinary Medicine

- University of Saskatchewan
  - Serves 4 western provinces & territories

## Faculté de médecine vétérinaire

- Université de Montréal (Francophone)
  - Serves Québec

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# Ontario Veterinary College @ University of Guelph



- **Interview invite is based on:**
  - GPA (last four 15.0-credit semesters & prerequisites GPA)
  - Practical experience and extracurricular involvement
- **Final Acceptance is based on:**
  - Combined GPA
  - Interview Score on the Interview

# Admission Requirements:



- Academic:
  - At least 2 years of 100% course load (15.0 credits/semester) **undergraduate** education in a university science program
    - **Prerequisite Courses:**
      - 2 Biological Sciences (recommended emphasis on animal biology) = 6 credits
      - Cell biology = 3 credits
      - Genetics = 3 credits
      - Biochemistry = 3 credits
      - Statistics = 3 credits
      - 2 Humanities/social sciences = 6 credits

(more details at <http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/recruitment/en/applyingtodvm/Academicrequirements.asp>)

# Admission Requirements:



- Academic  
(cont'd):

- The GPA from your **last two full-time semesters**, as well as the average of your 8 **prerequisite courses** must be  $\geq 7.0$  (B+) on York's 9-point scale.
- **MCAT**
  - **Note:** The MCAT is no longer required for applicants to the DVM program, beginning with applications for Fall 2016 entry.



# Admission Requirements:



- Non-academic:
  - Undergraduate Student
  - **3 Referee Assessments** (reference letters)
  - **Two** of the three referees selected must be veterinarians with whom you have obtained veterinary and/or animal experience.
  - Graduate Student
  - **Two** of the four referees selected must be veterinarians

# Admission Requirements:



- Non-academic (cont'd):
  - **Background Information Form (BIF):**

## ***Personal statement***

Series of questions exploring your understanding and motivation

## ***Animal Experience***

Pet store, work with livestock, breeding program, etc. A vet does not have to be present.

## ***Veterinary Experience***

Volunteer or paid; supervised by a vet.

## ***Extracurricular experience***

Jobs & volunteer activities that hone your communication, interpersonal and organizational skills.

# Application Process



- **DUE DECEMBER 1:**
  - **Canadians with Ontario residency:** If you attend a post-secondary institution other than the University of Guelph OR are living abroad, apply to the DVM program using the OUAC 105D form online at the Compass website.

# Application Process (cont'd)



- **DUE FEBRUARY 1:**
  - Background Information Form (BIF)
- **DUE MARCH 1:**
  - Referee Assessments
  - Transcripts

# Selection Process



- **1. Calculation of Admission Average - March**
  - A 50:50 ratio determines admission average (50% GPA of last 2 acceptable semesters, 50% GPA of prerequisite courses).
  - Top candidates move on in the selection process.
- **2. Review of Applications - March-April**
  - The OVC admissions committee reviews the applications of the top applicants to verify that they are suitable for interviews.

# Selection Process (cont'd)



- **3. Interview\* (MMI format) – May**
- Candidates rotate through a series of 8 stations. At each station, there is a scenario that the candidate must interpret for assessors who evaluate the student based on a scoring rubric.
  - Our vet student will talk more about this
- **4. Final review of interviewed applicants - early June**
  - The top 100 students chosen after admission committee reviews.
- **5. Communication of decision**
  - An official letter will be mailed to each applicant.

# Atlantic Veterinary College @ University of Prince Edward Island



- 4 Year Program, 63 students
- Distinct Applicant Pools:
  - Approx. 2/3 of seats reserved for Atlantic students from PEI, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Newfoundland and Labrador
- The last pool is allocated to international applicants including those from the US

# Atlantic Veterinary College @ University of Prince Edward Island



- **Selection Criteria** (out of 100% overall admissions score):
  - **60% Academic:**
    - 50% weighed academic average
    - 10% General Graduate Record Examination\*
      - Not required for 2020/2021 cycle
  - **40% Non-academic:**
    - 20% work and school approach and behaviour test score
    - 20% veterinary, animal, employment, and community experiences & Interview





# Prerequisite Courses (Fall 2019):

## Science

Animal Biology 1

Animal Biology 2

Animal Biology 3

Genetics

Mathematics 1

Mathematics 2 (Statistics)

Chemistry 1

Chemistry 2

Chemistry 3 (Organic

Chemistry)

## Non Science:

English (Composition)

**Academic Average = 50% (Average of 10 prescribed courses) + 50% (Average of most recent two full time semesters, Sept – April)**

More about prerequisite courses criteria at

<http://www.upei.ca/programsandcourses/professional-programs/doctor-veterinary-medicine/dvm-academic-requirements>



# Admission Requirements (cont'd):

- Non-academic (40%) :
  - **Work and School Approach and Behaviour Test (20%)**
    - A personality inventory
    - Evaluate critical approaches and behaviours found in daily and professional situations
    - Not possible to study for this
  - **Employment Experience, Honours and Awards, and Community Activities (20%)**
    - Applicants are asked to submit structured and detailed descriptions of their employment, honours and awards, and extracurricular and community activities.

# Admission Requirements:



- Non-academic:

## Interview

- Only those applicants who rank highly based on their academic achievement (weighted academic average and GRE score) invited to interview.
  - Interview will draw on applicant's experiences to discuss how they have contributed to their understanding of the veterinary profession



# Admission Requirements (cont'd):

- Non-academic:

Looking for specific skills:

1. Observation
2. Communication
3. Motor Skills
4. Intellectual Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities
5. Behavioural and Social Attributes

<http://www.upei.ca/programsandcourses/professional-programs/doctor-veterinary-medicine/dvm-non-academic-requirements>

# University of Calgary- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine



- Students must be **Alberta residents**, as defined by the Province of Alberta. To be eligible for admission to UCVM, you must be an Alberta resident.
- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine **accepts 30-32 DVM students per year**. The Admissions Committee recommends students for admission to the program on the basis of academic and non-academic factors.

# University of Calgary- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine



## Academic Requirements

- A minimum overall average of 3.00 ("B" or its equivalent) with a passing grade in each of the required courses
- Once this requirement has been met, the average GPA from the required courses will not be used further in the admissions process.
- You must have completed or be in the process of completing the TEN (10) required courses with at least SEVEN (7) of the TEN (10) required courses being completed before December 31, 2020.

# University of Calgary- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine



## Academic Requirements

- UCVM defines a “full time” term as a minimum of FOUR (4) ‘first-attempt’ courses per term (semester)
- A minimum combined grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 ("B" or its equivalent) over EACH of the last four full-time terms of undergraduate academic years.

# University of Calgary- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine



## Required Courses

- Two Introductory Biology Courses (a lab component is required for each course)
- Two Introductory Chemistry Courses (a lab component is required for each course)
- One Introductory English Course (must contain a writing component)
- One Introductory Organic Chemistry Course (a lab component is required)
- One Introductory Statistics Course
- One Introductory Biochemistry Course (a lab component is optional)
- One Introductory Genetics Course (a lab component is optional)
- One Introductory Ecology Course (a lab component is optional)



# University of Calgary- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine



## **A complete application consists of:**

- The completed application form
  - The application fee
  - Post-secondary transcripts submitted by the appropriate academic institutions
  - Proof of Alberta residency
  - Signed Declaration of the applicant
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- Interview style is MMI

# Western College of Veterinary Medicine @ University of Saskatchewan



- **WCVM serves the four western provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, as well as the territories of Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Must be a Resident.**
  - BC: 20 seats
  - Saskatchewan: 20 seats
  - Manitoba: 15 seats
  - Territories: 1
  - Education Equity Program\*: 2

# Western College of Veterinary Medicine (University of Saskatchewan)



- 4 Year Program, 58 Students
- Applicants must meet **residency requirements**
- **Non-Academic:**
  - Structured Interview – assess applicant's ability to cope with the veterinary program & evaluate non-academic qualities
  - Referees evaluation are also used to assess these non-academic qualities

# General Admission Requirements



- You must be a **Western Province/Territory resident** with Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- GPA from the **last four full-time terms (min. 12.0 credits)** as of January will be calculated.
- You must have completed or be in the process of completing the **10 required courses**. Required courses may not be repeated more than once for consideration.

# Academic Admission Requirements



- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine considers applicants from a variety of educational backgrounds. No preference is given to any particular program, college or university. **A minimum, cumulative average of 75 per cent** is needed to be considered for admission.

## **Required Undergraduate Courses:**

6 Credits of Biology  
6 Credits of Chemistry  
6 Credits of English  
6 Credits of Mathematics/Statistics  
3 Credits of Organic Chemistry  
3 Credits of Physics  
3 Credits of Biochemistry  
3 Credits of Genetics  
3 Credits of Microbiology  
21 Elective Courses

# Faculté de médecine vétérinaire-Université de Montréal



- To attend this school you must be proficient in **French**, due to all the classes being taught in this language
- For more information:  
<http://www.medvet.umontreal.ca/>

# More about your Veterinary School



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# Prepare Yourself

- You must take an **active interest in learning** and keeping up with the admissions policies at your targeted schools
- You have to **plan in advance** your approach
- Don't count on any one particular school's policies to help you – remember luck plays a role and **policies change**.
- Of all things, **GPA is usually the primary barrier** for most applicants and is the hardest to improve





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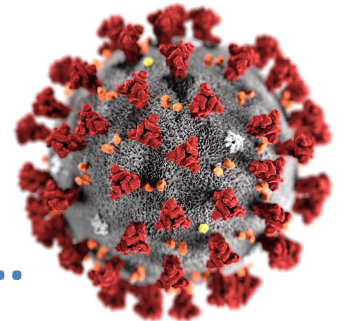
# How to Get into OVC

**1. Grades - 65%**

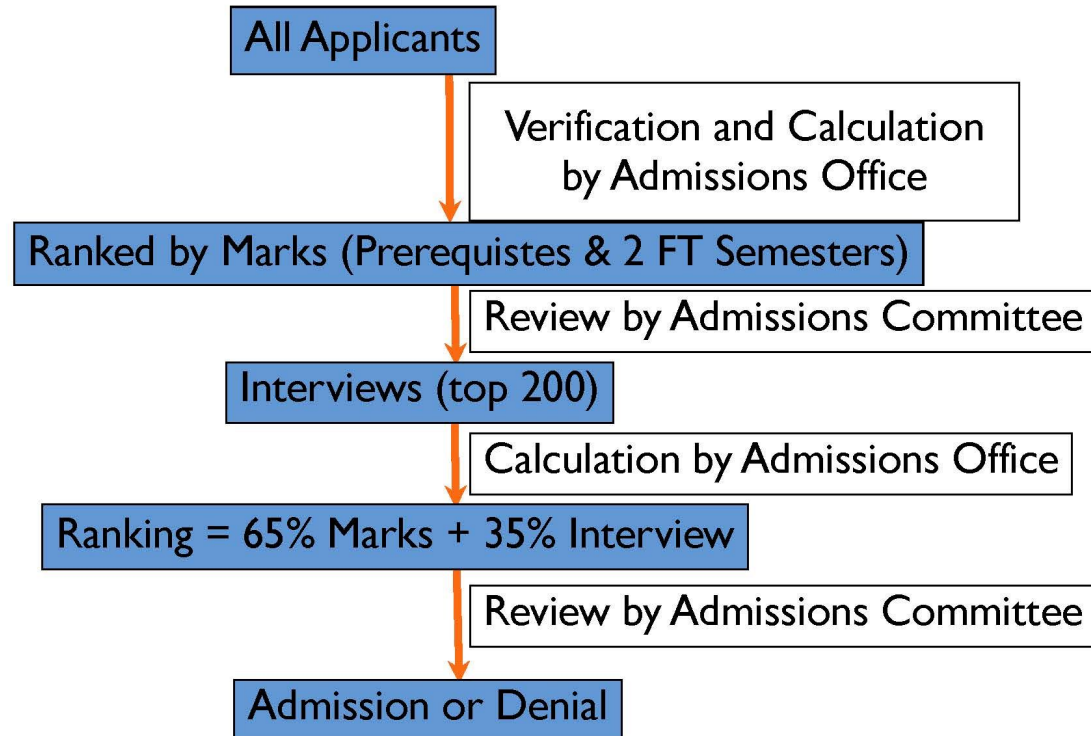
**2. Supplementary Application**

**3. Interview - 35%**

Stay tuned...



## SELECTION PROCESS SUMMARY



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# GRADES

# Grade Conversion Chart

| York University<br>Letter Grade | OVC Percentage |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| A+                              | 95             |
| A                               | 85             |
| B+                              | 77             |
| B                               | 72             |
| C+                              | 67             |
| C                               | 62             |
| D+                              | 57             |
| D                               | 52             |

# How to Get Courses Approved

Email [admdvm@uoguelph.ca](mailto:admdvm@uoguelph.ca) to submit your course evaluation requests...

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Course Evaluation Request

Presenting courses from: York University

### Biological Sciences:

**SC/ISCI 1101 Integrated Science 1 (Biology), 3.00 credits, Fall 2016**  
This course primarily examines foundational topics in biology through the lens of contemporary issues in science, integrating disciplinary knowledge, skills and values from biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics and statistics. Registration in this course requires simultaneous registration in SC/ISCI 1201 3.00, SC/ISCI 1301 3.00, and SC/ISCI 1401 3.00. This course is Drop by Permission only. Course Credit Exclusion: SC/BIOL 1000 3.00, SC/ISCI 1110 6.0.

**SC/ISCI 1102 Integrated Science 2 (Biology), 3.00 credits, Winter 2017**  
This course primarily examines foundational topics in biology through the lens of contemporary issues in science, integrating disciplinary knowledge, skills and values from biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics and statistics. Registration in this course requires simultaneous registration in SC/ISCI 1202 3.00, SC/ISCI 1302 3.00, and SC/ISCI 1402 3.00. This course is Drop by Permission only. Course Credit Exclusion: SC/BIOL 1001 3.00, SC/ISCI 1110 6.0.

### Cell Biology:

#### Option 1:

**SC/BIOL 2021 Cell Biology, 3.00 credits, Winter 2018**  
A study of cell biology and aspects of related biochemistry. Topics include membranes, the endomembrane system, the cytoskeleton, cellular motility, the extracellular matrix, intercellular communication and intracellular regulation. Prerequisite: One of the following: (1) SC/BIOL 2020 3.00, (2) SC/BCHM 2020 3.00, or (3) SC/BIOL 1000 3.00 and SC/BIOL 1001 3.00 and SC/CHEM 2050 4.00. Course credit exclusions: SC/BIOL 2021 4.00, SC/BCHM 2021 4.00.

#### Option 2:

**SC/BIOL 3110 Molecular Biology 1: Nucleic Acid Metabolism, 3.00 credits, Fall 2018**  
Discussion of the metabolism of DNA and RNA, including the physical-chemical properties of nucleic acids: DNA, the cytoskeleton, cellular motility, the extracellular matrix, intercellular communication and intracellular regulation. Prerequisite: One of the following: (1) SC/BIOL 2020 3.00, (2) SC/BCHM 2020 3.00, or (3) SC/BIOL 1000 3.00 and SC/BIOL 1001 3.00 and SC/CHEM 2050 4.00. Course credit exclusions: SC/BIOL 2021 4.00, SC/BCHM 2021 4.00.

### Genetics:

**SC/BIOL 2040 Genetics, 3.00 credits, Fall 2017**  
A study of the organization and behaviour of genes and chromosomes and their roles in cells, organisms, population interactions, chromosome structure, nucleic acid replication, repair and recombination; recombinant DNA technology. Prerequisites: SC/BIOL 2020 3.00, SC/BIOL 2021 3.00, SC/BIOL 2040 3.00, and SC/BIOL 2070 3.00.

### Biochemistry:

**SC/BIOL 2020 Biochemistry, 3.00 credits, Fall 2017**  
A study of the cell biology and biochemistry of biomolecules. Topics include intermediary metabolism, bioenergetics, including the biology of mitochondria and chloroplasts, protein structure and function, replication, gene expression, chromosome organization and recombinant DNA technology. Prerequisite: SC/BIOL 2040 4.00.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM

November 7, 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

The following courses have been assessed as indicated below. This assessment is based on current admission requirements.

**INSTITUTION:** York University

### Course#

ISC1101 Integrated Science 1  
ISC1102 Integrated Science 2  
BIOL2021 Cell Biology  
BIOL3110 Molecular Biology  
BIOL2040 Genetics  
BIOL2040 Biochemistry  
BIOL2060 Statistics for Biologists  
PSYC1010 Introduction to Psychology

### Admission Requirement

Need detailed course outline  
Need detailed course outline  
Acceptable Cell Biology  
Not acceptable Cell Biology content  
Acceptable Genetics  
Acceptable Biochemistry  
Acceptable Statistics  
Acceptable Humanities/Social Science

Fall 2016 (ISC1101, ISC1201, ISC1301, ISC1401, PSYC1010) is an acceptable semester.  
Winter 2017 (ISC1102, ISC1202, ISC1302, ISC1402, PSYC1010) is an acceptable semester.  
Fall 2017 (CHEM2080, CHEM2020, BIOL2602, BIOL2601, BIOL2040, BIOL2020, EEC51520) is an acceptable semester.  
Winter 2018 (CHEM2021, NIOL2602, BIOL2070, BIOL2060, BIOL2030, BIOL2021) is an acceptable semester.  
Fall 2018 (BIOL3150, BIOL3120, BIOL3110, BIOL3060, PSYC3140) is an acceptable semester.  
Proposed Winter 2018 (BIOL3130, BIOL3100, BIOL3070, FILM1701, PHIL2075) is an acceptable semester.

Applicants must complete prerequisites while registered in acceptable full-time semesters of undergraduate/graduate study. A full-time undergraduate semester (full course load) is minimum 2.50 credits at the University of Guelph. This is typically five courses at 0.50 credits each per semester. For universities that use the 3.00/6.00 credit system, students must have five courses weighted at least 3.00 credits each for a minimum total of 15.00 credits per semester. For graduate programs, your official transcript must state a full-time status, otherwise we will require confirmation from the respective graduate department.

Rules regarding acceptable courses and acceptable course levels are outlined on the OVC website in the Academic Requirements section (<http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/recruitment/en/applyingtodvm/Academicrequirements.asp>). If your courses have been approved for content only, this is because the course(s) were not listed on the transcript we received or a transcript was not included in your request.

...they will respond with a letter like this

# How to Get Courses Approved

For more information on the course approval process, as well as academic and other requirements for admission, visit the following website:

<http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/recruitment/en/applyingtodvm/Academicrequirements.asp>





## Approved Courses

**Warning: Always have your  
courses verified by OVC  
admissions administration - DO  
NOT just use what worked for  
us**

# Approved Courses - Brittany

| OVC Requirement                     | Course Code    | Course Name                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Biological Sciences I/II            | ISCI 1101/1102 | Integrated Science I/II    |
| Cell Biology                        | BIOL 2021      | Cell Biology               |
| Genetics                            | BIOL 2040      | Genetics                   |
| Statistics                          | BIOL 2060      | Statistics for Biologists  |
| Biochemistry                        | BIOL 2020      | Biochemistry               |
| Humanities and Social Sciences I/II | PSYC 1010      | Introduction to Psychology |

**Also Approved for Humanities: PSYC 3140 Abnormal Psychology**

**Not Approved for Cell Biology: BIOL 3110 Molecular Biology I**

# Approved Courses - Mahsa

| OVC Requirement                     | Course Code    | Course Name                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Biological Sciences I/II            | BIOL 1000/1001 | Biology I/II               |
| Cell Biology**                      | BIOL 2021      | Cell Biology               |
| Genetics                            | BIOL 2040      | Genetics                   |
| Statistics                          | BIOL 2060      | Statistics for Biologists  |
| Biochemistry                        | BIOL 2020      | Biochemistry               |
| Humanities and Social Sciences I/II | PSYC 1010      | Introduction to Psychology |

**\*\*Also Approved for: Histology**

**\*\*Not Approved: Biology of Cancer, Physiology**

# Approved Courses - Drago

| OVC Requirement                     | Course Code         | Course Name                                      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Biological Sciences I/II            | BIOL 3150/KINE 2011 | Microbiology / Human Physiology I                |
| Cell Biology**                      | BIOL 4061           | Cell & Molecular Biology of Development          |
| Genetics                            | BIOL 4285           | Human Molecular Genetics                         |
| Statistics                          | PSYC 2022           | Statistical Methods II                           |
| Biochemistry                        | BIOL 3051           | Macromolecules of Biological Interest            |
| Humanities and Social Sciences I/II | ECON 1000/PSYC 3170 | Introduction to Microeconomics/Health Psychology |

**\*\* BIOL 4270 - Reproduction ⇒ Not acceptable cell biology**

**\*\* BIOL4220 - Histology ⇒ Acceptable cell biology**

## **Pro Tip...**

**Phase 1 OVC's curriculum places heavy focus on...**

- 1. Anatomy\*\***
- 2. Physiology**
- 3. Histology**

**Try to take these courses in your undergraduate studies**

# Course Semester Criteria

- For students in programs with more than 10 credits, **60%** of credits in each full-time semester must be taken at a **3000 level (third year level) or above**. However, 40% of the credits in a full-time semester may be taken at the level of the applicant's choice.
- Courses will **not** be acceptable if they are **repeats** of previously passed courses, or if they are taken at the **same level or a lower level** in a subject area than previously passed courses in the same subject area

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# THE INTERVIEW

# Interview Tips

- **University of Guelph Future Vets Club**
  - **Mock MMI - 4 stations**
  - **Join the Facebook Group!**
  - **Registration opens ~End of January/Early February**

<https://www.facebook.com/fvcguelph/>





# Interview Tips

- Start preparing as soon as possible!
- PRACTISE PRACTISE PRACTISE WITH OTHERS
- Join “YorkU goes to OVC” on Facebook!

# YorkU Goes to OVC

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/337415350353915/>

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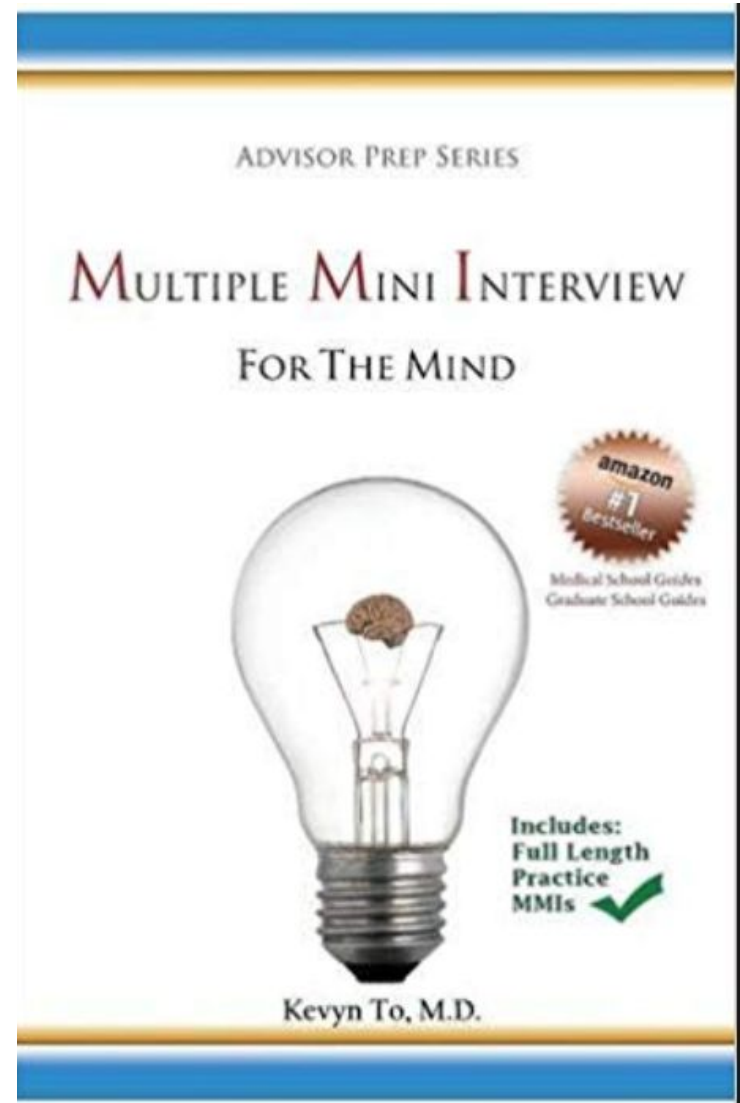
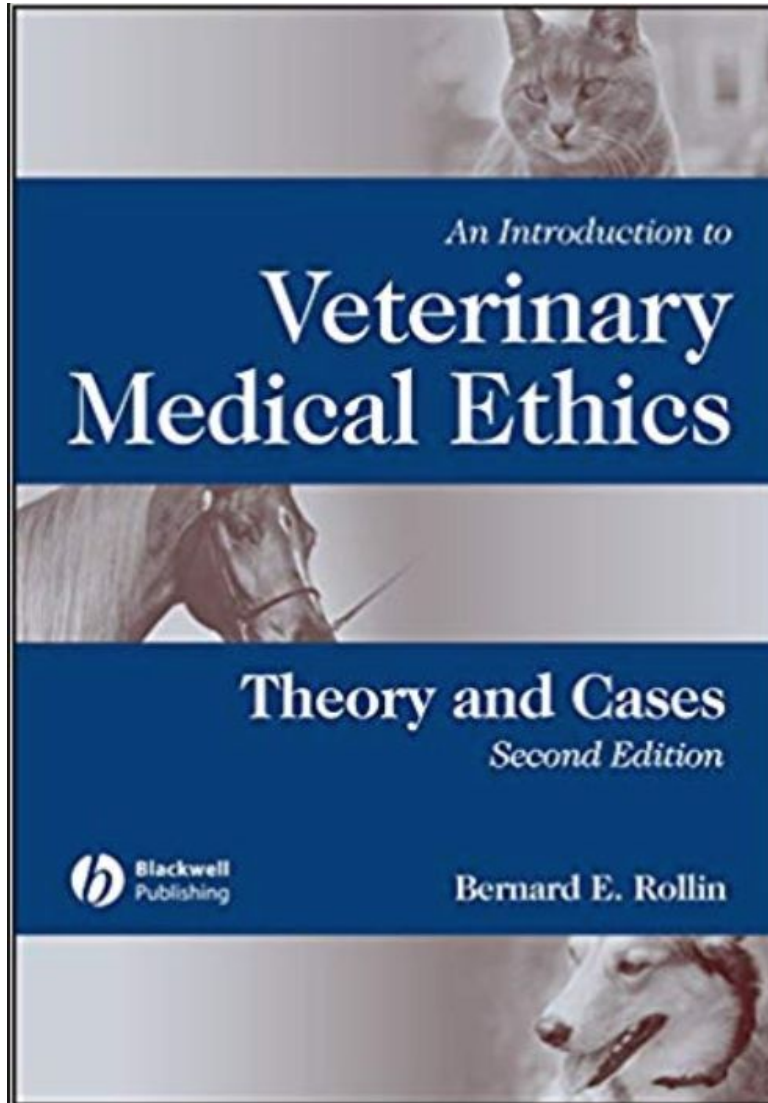
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# Books to Buy/Read



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## VETERINARY SCHOOL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

For the OVC interview and other veterinary schools

# MMI Practice Tip

Try recording yourself answering questions so you can watch and critique yourself after!



As uncomfortable as it may feel, it's the best way to notice your own habits.

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# **SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION**

# Categories

1. **Veterinary Experience**
2. **Animal Experience**
3. **Other Employment Experience**
4. **Extracurricular Activities**
5. **Honours and Awards**
6. **Essay**

**6 lines for each**

# Supplementary Application Tips

- **Variety**
  - In terms of types of animal experience but also non-animal experience → Show you're a well-rounded person
- **Large Animal/Equine experience are helpful in school**
- **Quality over Quantity**
- **Keep track of your hours**
  - Spreadsheet, notebook
- **Start working on your application over Christmas break (or earlier!)**



# Getting References & Validators

- “Are you willing to write me a **POSITIVE** reference?”
- Ask your referees *FAR* in advance of the Feb. 1st BIF deadline
- You will need a contact name & phone number for every  
veterinary/animal/extracurricular/employment  
experience you write on your BIF
  - Reach out to these people in advance to make sure they can validate that you’ve done what you say you have



# Prep for your BIF & References

<https://admission.uoguelph.ca/dvmbif>

The screenshot shows the University of Guelph's Undergraduate Admission 2020 website. The header includes the University of Guelph logo, the text 'Office of Registrarial Services Undergraduate Admission 2020', and navigation links like 'Ask Gryph', 'Contact Us', 'FAQs', 'Sign-up', and 'Login'. A search bar is also present. Below the header, there's a section titled 'Have a question? Ask Gryph!' with a prompt 'Ask your question here. Use two or more words!' and an 'Ask' button. The main content area is titled 'DVM Supplemental Forms'. It includes a 'Deadlines:' section with a bulleted list: 'Background Information Form: February 1st', 'Official Transcripts and References: March 1st', and 'Grad Cohort Form: March 1st'. Below this is a paragraph about admission to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program. Then, there's a 'Background Information Form:' section with a paragraph explaining the process. Finally, there's a 'References:' section with a paragraph detailing the requirements for references. On the right side of the main content area, there's a sidebar titled 'FORMS' with a list of links: 'Sample BIF Questions', 'Sample Reference Questions', 'Graduate Cohort Form', 'Application FAQs', and 'Academic Background Form (International only)'. Two red arrows point to the 'Sample Reference Questions' link in the sidebar.

Office of Registrarial Services  
**Undergraduate Admission 2020**

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Have a question? Ask Gryph! Ask your question here. Use two or more words ! Ask

### DVM Supplemental Forms

**Deadlines:**

- Background Information Form: February 1st
- Official Transcripts and References: March 1st
- Grad Cohort Form: March 1st

Admission to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program is determined by the evaluation of academic requirements, the information provided in the Background Information Form, three confidential referee assessments, and, when appropriate, an interview (MMI).

**Background Information Form:**

After you have submitted your application to the DVM program and it has been processed, you will find a link to the BIF in your 'Documents' list on WebAdvisor. Please ensure you log-in as an Applicant. The 'Documents' section can be found within the 'Communications' heading.

**References:**

All applicants must submit three references (two from veterinarians with whom you have obtained animal and veterinary experience, and a third professional reference of your choice). You will provide the names and contact information for your referees on the BIF. Once your BIF is submitted, referees will receive e-mail instructions outlining how to complete the Referee Assessments on-line. Each referee will show individually on your documents list on WebAdvisor and as each assessment is received, you will

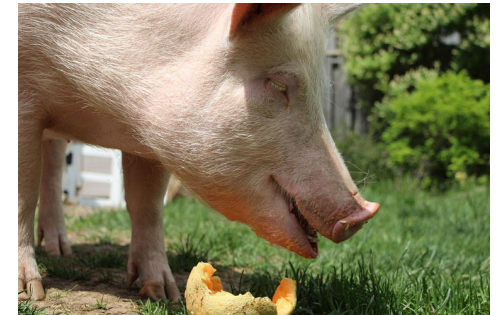
**FORMS**

- Sample BIF Questions
- Sample Reference Questions
- Graduate Cohort Form
- Application FAQs
- Academic Background Form (International only)

**Look through the Sample Reference Questions BEFORE you ask for references!!**

# Volunteer Opportunities

- **Toronto Wildlife Centre**
  - **Wildlife experience**
    - <https://www.torontowildlifecentre.com/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>
- **Wishing Well Farm Sanctuary**
  - **Large/Food animal experience**
    - <https://wishingwellsanctuary.org/>
- **Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary**
  - **Large/Food animal experience**
    - <https://www.happilyeveresther.ca/volunteer>



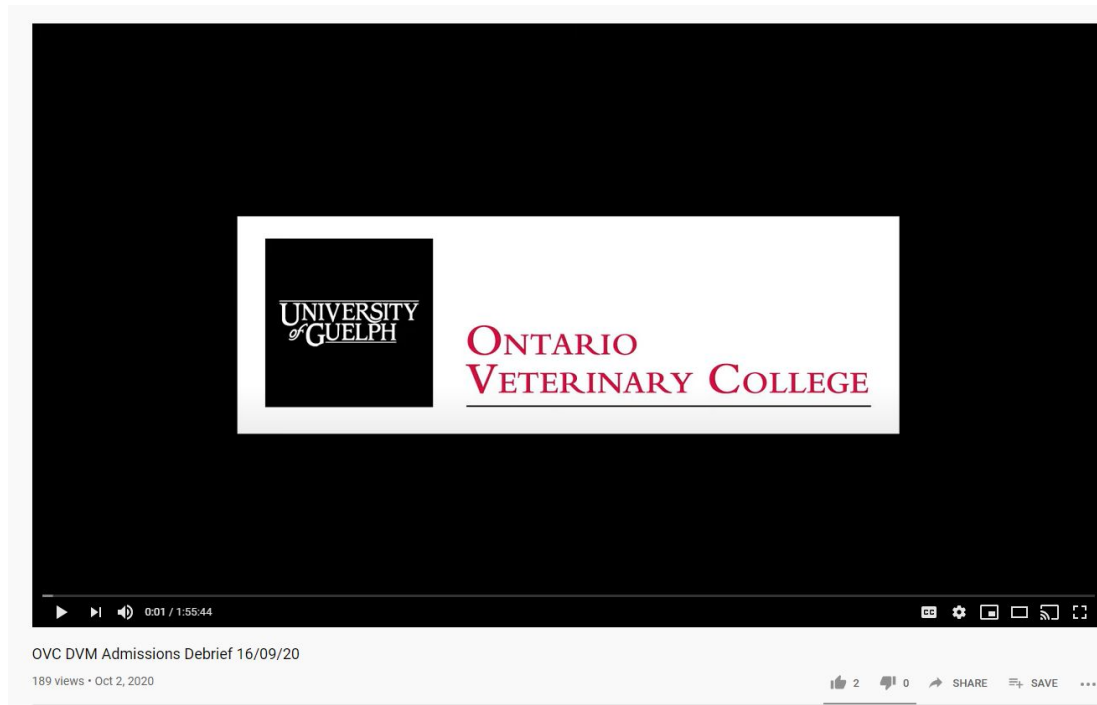
# Final Tip...

**Be confident! Make sure your supervisors/peers know you want to be a veterinarian!**

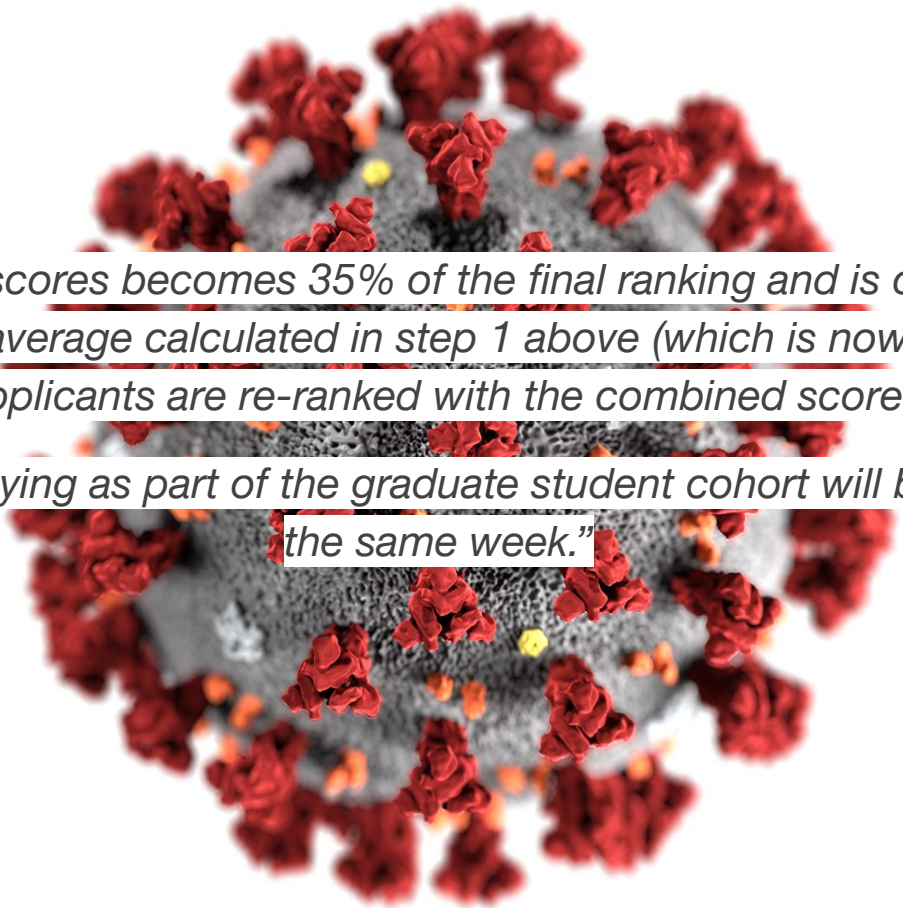


# OVC Admissions Debrief 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liYMxIYn7DM>



# COVID-19 and the OVC Application



*"The interview scores becomes 35% of the final ranking and is combined with the admissions average calculated in step 1 above (which is now 65%). The top applicants are re-ranked with the combined score."*

*Individuals applying as part of the graduate student cohort will be interviewed the same week."*

# CASPer

- <https://prepmatch.com/>
- <https://futurememd.com/casper-prep>
- <https://takecasper.com/test-prep/>
- <https://caspertestprep.com/>
- Any resources you would have used to prep for MMI



# Take-Home Message:

- OVC has not yet stated what their interview process will be this year
- Stay informed by checking their website throughout the year:
  - <http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/recruitment/en/applyingtodvm/selectionprocess.asp>
- Be prepared for anything!





**Questions?**