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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue lab coat and glasses, is smiling and holding a small, light-colored dog. She is in a clinical or veterinary setting, with a white counter in front of her. The background is slightly blurred, showing shelves and other equipment. The overall tone is warm and professional.

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1. ABOUT THE AAVMC

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) is a national organization of veterinary medical colleges and schools that protect and improve the health and welfare of animals, people, and the environment by advancing academic veterinary education. The AAVMC was formed in 1970 by the merger of the then existing eighteen colleges of veterinary medicine in the United States and three in Canada. During the 1970s and 1980s, AAVMC's membership expanded to include departments of veterinary science in colleges of agriculture, and in the 1990s to include divisions or departments of comparative medicine. In 2008, AAVMC began accepting non-accredited colleges and schools of veterinary medicine as provisional members.

COE Accredited

The AAVMC represents the veterinary medical community that includes 58 accredited veterinary medical colleges in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico. The AAVMC member institutions, three Departments of Veterinary Science, and three Departments of Comparative Medicine.

Our Vision: Academic veterinary medicine is a trusted leader and valued partner in advancing health.

Our Mission: AAVMC inspires innovation and promotes excellence in academic veterinary medicine worldwide.

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Accreditation

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The standards for veterinary medical education are met by all AVMA-accredited colleges of veterinary medicine, and that students enrolled in those colleges receive an education which will prepare them for entry-level positions in the profession.

In the United States, graduation from a COE-accredited college of veterinary medicine is an important prerequisite for application for licensure. Internationally, some veterinary schools have chosen to seek COE accreditation in addition to accreditation by the competent authority in their own regions. COE accreditation of international veterinary schools provides assurance that those programs of education meet the same standards as other similarly accredited schools.

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Outside of companion animal practice, the largest employer of veterinarians in the United States is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service, but veterinarians are found throughout government in roles where they contribute to public health, the environment, and even homeland security, as well as working in research and public policy.

Many veterinarians are engaged in work at the intersection of both human and animal health. For example, veterinarians play

3. HOW DO I BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Education Requirements

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4. PREPARE TO APPLY FOR VETERINARY MEDICAL SCHOOLS

- Include all extracurricular activities on your application. Keep track of your activities and your role in any clubs. Look for opportunities for leadership roles in any activities in which you participate.
- Explore opportunities to engage in research. Completing research with a faculty member could lead to a very positive letter of recommendation

6. BEFORE YOU BEGIN

VMCAS Submission and Deadlines

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An Undelivered application may be corrected or changed and then resubmitted to VMCAS (**only before the application deadline of September 15**).

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- Electronic submission of your VMCAS application
- Request at least 3 letters of recommendation
- Submit all required transcripts
- When your application and all transcripts have VZc g ZXZ kZY ! KB 86H kZg Z h ndj g ZciZg Y Xdj g h Zl dg V V c hi ndj gd X V a i g / chXgeih

Applicants accept full responsibility of checking the status of their application through the application portal and ensuring all materials are submitted by the deadline. Application submission communication will be sent via e-mail that indicates only that your VMCAS application has been received; i] h h c di V Xdc p Vi dc i] Vi ndj gb ViZgVh V g Xdb e z i Z d g that you have met the deadline requirements. Omission of any necessary materials causes processing delays and could lead to missed deadlines.

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- Checking the status of your application materials c i] Z V e e a X v c i e d g V a t B] Z X H i V i j h i V W
- Checking your email communication for important information
- Following up on any application issues prior to the application deadline

Release Statements

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Code of Conduct

In accordance with the ideals and principles of the veterinary profession, applicants to schools and colleges of veterinary medicine are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates responsibility, integrity, veracity, and good judgment. Schools and colleges of veterinary medicine seek to admit applicants who possess a high level of professionalism and potential.

Applicants will demonstrate these qualities by taking ownership of all aspects related to the application and admissions egdXZhhZ# 6eeaxvcih1 a i [d a d l i] Z h Z \ j Y Z a c Z h /

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2. Review the admissions requirements and application procedures for VMCAS and each designated veterinary medical school or college to which the applicant plans to apply. (# 8db b j c XviZ1 1] Vdi] KB 86H VcY VYb h h d c h d XZ personnel in a professional and timely manner.
4. Provide all required information on the VMCAS application accurately and by the application deadline.
5. Provide all required information on the supplemental applications/questions accurately VcY V h i] Z h X] d d a h e Z X ^ X Y Z V Y a c Z h #

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pages to ensure that your applications are complete and
follow up in a timely manner on any missing items.

7. Regularly log in to the VMCAS application to check
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your current status in your Check Status tab.

8. Regularly check your email for important messages
from the schools and colleges to which you applied.

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if you do not plan to attend an admissions
interview which has been offered to you.

10. Respond to all offers of admission by the April 15
Common Reply Date, including the schools and
colleges you have decided not to attend.

Indicate your understanding and acceptance of the
terms described above by checking this box.

I acknowledge that content requested in the "Program Materials"
section of VMCAS is included by the individual veterinary
colleges or schools and is neither reviewed nor approved by
AAVMC or its technology partner, Liaison International. As
such, neither AAVMC nor Liaison International are responsible
for the accuracy of the information provided.

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- I must verify that my recommenders' emails are correct and that they have received the email request once I have created them in the system.
- My recommenders must submit their electronic recommendations by the application deadline.
- If I elect to participate in and pay for the Professional
 - I agree to enter planned or in-progress coursework and coursework taken at unlisted US schools prior to my application.
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 - I understand if I do not enter planned or in-progress coursework, it will not be eligible for matching to school prerequisites.
- I agree to submit my 2026, and Summer 2026 transcripts directly to my designated schools and colleges.
- Once I submit my application, I cannot make any changes to my submitted information. I agree to contact my designated schools and colleges with any changes to my contact information.
- I agree to submit my application, I cannot in...

Accessing the Application

You may access the VMCAS Application by visiting vmcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login.

Overview of the Application

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1. Personal Information
2. Academic History
3. Supporting Information
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7. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Legal Name

Enter your legal name as it appears on your federal government identification documents. Select the appropriate values for the first, middle, and last names. If you have a middle name, enter it in the middle name field. If you have a suffix, enter it in the suffix field.

Alternate Names

Alternate names are any other names, such as a maiden name or a name you used in the past. Enter alternate names in the alternate names field. Select Yes in this section and enter the alternate name. Failure to do so could result in delays.

Enter alternate names in the alternate names field.

- Maiden names
- "Westernized" names
- Other alternate names

Birth Information

Enter your birth information in this section - date of birth in MM/DD/YYYY format. For example, January 7, 1999, would be listed as 01/07/1999. Make sure you enter your date of birth correctly.

Enter your county of birth in the county of birth field.

Legal Sex

Select the appropriate value for your legal sex. Federal government, using these values only. Select the appropriate value for your legal sex.

Gender Identity

If your gender identity differs from your legal sex, use this section to indicate your gender.

Pronouns

Select the appropriate pronouns for you. If you have more than one pronoun, enter them in the pronouns field.

Legal/Preferred Name Phonetic Pronunciation

If you would like to provide the appropriate pronunciation of your name to your schools, please visit NameCoach, create an account, and share your NameCoach URL in the space provided.

8. CONTACT AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Current Address

Enter the address where you want to receive mail correspondence. Be sure to keep this section up to date as you complete and submit your application. If you anticipate a change of address, enter the date through which your current address is valid.

Permanent Address

If your current address is different from your permanent address, select No under Is this your permanent address? Enter the address that you consider to be your permanent and/or legal residence.

Phone Number

Your phone number pulls in from the information entered when you created your account. Verify that the listed phone number and type are correct; click the link to make changes.

Email

Your email address pulls in from the information entered when you created your account. Verify that what appears here is correct; click the link to make changes.

Alternate Email

Enter an alternate email where you can be reached in the event your main email is not functional. If you only have one email address, retype it.

Citizenship

Select your US citizenship status and country of citizenship, if applicable. If you have dual citizenship, indicate your second country of citizenship.

Parent/Guardian

In this section, you can opt to enter demographic information including their level of education, current occupation, and role within your household.

Add a Parent/Guardian

1. Click Add a Parent/Guardian.
2. Select the relationship between you and the parent/guardian.
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4. Select his/her gender.
5. Indicate if he/she is living or deceased.
6. Select his/her occupation.
7. Select his/her residency information.
8. Select his/her education levels.
9. Indicate whether this parent/guardian is in your
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11. Add additional parents/guardians, as needed.

Other Information

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Military Status

If you have US military experience, select your anticipated status at the time of enrollment from the drop-down. Select Not a member of the military if this does not apply.

Academic Infraction

Indicate whether you have ever been disciplined or placed on academic probation while attending an academic institution. If yes, enter an explanation in the spaces provided.

Additional Information

Answering these questions helps programs gather information to develop future recruitment strategies.

- Student Reported GPA from Primary School

Education Interrupted.

- Has there been any interval longer than 3 months during which you were not enrolled as a student or employed. If Yes, provide an explanation including the duration and how you spent the time.

WICHE Applicants

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contact information is listed at wiche.edu/tuition-savings/psep.
Additional information about how WICHE PSEP applicants are selected for support in veterinary medicine is located at www.wiche.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/How-WICHE-selects-PSEP-students.pdf.

Previous Applications

If you previously applied to any veterinary medical colleges or j`c`k`Z`g`h`>8`h`Z`a`X`i`i]`Z`n`Z`V`g`h`i`ndj`V`e`e`a`Z`Y`#`j`h`Z`i]`Z`Z`c`i`Z`g`c`
year of the fall semester when you would have enrolled. Report only applications submitted **before** the current VMCAS application cycle.

Previous Attendance at a Professional Program

Indicate whether you previously enrolled in or attended a veterinary school, medical school, law school, or other professional degree program. Include enrollment in any post-baccalaureate veterinary preparatory program with the intent to earn a professional degree. If you select Yes, enter details about the program.

Personal Pet Experience

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camelid | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canine | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cervids | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile, non-aquatic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equine | <input type="checkbox"/> Small ruminant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feline | <input type="checkbox"/> Swine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honeybees | |

Pell Eligibility

9. ACADEMIC HISTORY

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- **Type of term system**

- Select your college's or university's term system. You can refer to the type of hours your credits are worth, not the length of the term or how many terms a year your college or university offered. If your transcript lists some courses as quarter and others as semester, enter the type of hours your credits are worth, not the length of the term or how many terms a year your college or university offered. If your transcript lists some courses as quarter and others as semester, enter the type of hours your credits are worth, not the length of the term or how many terms a year your college or university offered.

- **Still attending your institution/ Dates attended**

- Select if you are still attending your institution. Enter dates you attended each college or university you attended once, regardless of gaps in your attendance at this institution, regardless of gaps in attendance.

- **Save to complete the entry.**

Freshman-Senior: Applies to all college- or university-level students. Four-year students should list one year per designation and enter the date of graduation. Enter date of graduation in YYYY-MM-DD format. Enter date of graduation in YYYY-MM-DD format.

We are not responsible for any materials lost in the mail or delays
not guarantee faster processing or receipt.

Transcript ID Form

While VMCAS can accept transcripts that are not accompanied
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Study Abroad at Another US Institution

If you used another US institution's program to study abroad,
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Letter of non-attendance

A letter of non-attendance is required when a student has never taken courses at an institution or the institution does not have VgXdy'ig/chXgeit [dgi] Z'hij YZci#6eeaXVcih'1 dj a'cZZY' id'b V Z'i' h'gfj Zhi'id'i] Z'g\hi'g'h'd XZ'd[i] Vi'chi'ij i'dc# l] Z'ziZgd["cdc"ViZcYVcXZ'1 dj a'cZZY'id'W'hZci'id'KB 86H' for processing.

Transcript Follow up

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Monitor the Check Status page to ensure your transcript is received. On average, it takes up to seven business days for your transcript to post to your application from the date we receive it. If your transcript is not posted after this timeframe, contact customer service.

Academic Infraction

If you were ever disciplined for conduct violation or placed on academic probation while attending an academic institution, you must answer Yes, even if such action did not interrupt your enrollment or require you to withdraw. Furthermore, select Yes even if the action does not appear on, or has been deleted or Znej c\ZY'g'lb !'ndj gd X'Vai'g'H'

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type of standardization so they can accurately compare coursework to create a standard set of GPAs, ensuring you are compared to other applicants fairly and equally.

- Complete the Colleges Attended section before entering your courses.
- Report all courses on your transcripts, not just prerequisites. Be sure to include courses from which you withdrew, repeated courses, ungraded labs, test credits, gym courses, orientations, or other non-graded courses.
- Enter courses under the institution where you originally took the course, exactly as they appear on the original school's transcript. Do not list courses under the school in which the credits were transferred. You may need to go back to your Colleges Attended and add a school to enter the transfer credits.
- For example, suppose you primarily attended the University of Maryland and took Intro to Photography at your local community college. You would list the community college in the Colleges Attended section of the application to Photography as a course you took at the community college. You would not list the course under the University of Maryland, even if the credits were transferred there.

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- All attempts at courses that have been repeated, including any courses removed from your transcript or GPA as a result of academic bankruptcy or institutional forgiveness policies.
- Courses removed from your transcripts or GPA as a result of academic bankruptcy, forgiveness, or similar policies.
- Courses from which you withdrew
- Courses for which you received a grade of Incomplete
- Courses that you failed, regardless of whether you repeated them
- Remedial/developmental courses
- College-level courses you took while in middle or high school even if no college counted them toward a degree.
- Courses taken at an American college overseas.
- Physical education and music courses.

Academic Term and Year

Add a semester, quarter, or trimester depending on the term you selected in the Colleges Attended section.

- Select a term. Select a year. Options are based on the time spans you selected in the Colleges Attended section. Select an academic status. Academic status refers to your status

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Advanced Placement Credit

Indicate if you received credit for any of your courses on the College Board Advanced Placement Exams for any of your courses.

Honors Courses

Indicate if you took any courses, which are generally college or university level, designated with an "H" in the course number on your transcript. Note that earning Latin honors upon graduation does not mean your courses are retroactively considered "Honors."

Repeat Courses

Indicate if repeated any of your courses. Courses should be only marked as repeated if you repeated them at the same institution. Courses taken at different schools, and courses taken at the same institution at different times, should not be marked as repeated.

Record full credit values and grades for all repeated courses. VMCAS is required to include all repeated courses for each college or university you attended.

Other Test Credit

Indicate if you received credit for tests other than the AP exam, such as SAT, ACT, or other standardized tests.

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- **Volunteer (not animal-related)**

Volunteer work includes experiences outside of Humanity, tutoring students, participating in, or working for a fundraiser walk or blood drive, etc.

Adding Experiences

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12. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Before You Begin

In the Recommendations section, you can indicate who will be called Letters of Evaluation, Letters of Reference, or Letters and capabilities.

You are required to request **at least 3** letters of recommendation and may request a **maximum of 6** recommendations. Recommenders must submit your recommendation letter electronically by the application deadline of **September 15**. No exceptions are possible.

Recommendations are submitted by the recommenders themselves; via Letters by Liaison, our recommender portal; they cannot be completed or submitted by the applicant or another party on behalf of the recommender. We are not resp00505700570049009

In this section, you can add any current professional licenses in this section at any time prior to submission. Once you have submitted, you will be able to add more Licenses and the information entered here. Contact your individual programs

3. Enter the title and name of the organization
4. Enter a number, if applicable.

5. Enter the date it is valid to, if applicable. Because you issued and the date it is valid to, if applicable. Because you

6. Enter an optional, brief description.
7. Click Save & Continue.

Note that once you submit your application, you cannot edit or add new ones, as needed.

13. VETERINARY MEDICAL SCHOOLS

We recommend that you review the Veterinary Medical School applytovetschool.org consult with a pre-vet/pre-health advisor for guidance in selecting veterinary medical schools.

As you research veterinary medical schools it is important to consider not only the requirements of each school as compared to your credentials, citizenship, and legal residence restrictions, application fees, supplemental application fees, costs associated

14. VMCAS ESSAY

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1. Review the list of VMCAS GRE Codes to determine your program's GRE code. If you are applying to multiple programs, supply each individual code to ensure all programs can view your scores.

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their turnaround and processing times.

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and then posted to applications every 2-3 days. Only scores
that you requested using VMCAS codes will post to your
application. You can view scores attached to your application
c i] Z`Hi VcYVg' bZY1 Zhih`hZXi`dc`d[i] Z`8] ZX` Hi Vij hīVW#

If, upon review, VMCAS feels that the provided information supports a valid argument for your requested course subject assignment, we will notify your programs through an admissions cdiZQ dl ZkZg1 Z1 'æcdi 'X] Vc\Z'i] Z'kZg^ ZY^Xdj ghZ'hj WZXi^ assignment and we will not update your GPA calculations.

If VMCAS feels that the provided information does not support a valid argument for your requested course subject assignment, we will not honor your request. If you still wish to dispute your course subject assignment, contact your programs directly.

Disputing Your GPA Calculations

9j gc\ kZg^ XVi 'dc!KB 86Hj hZh'i] Z'c[dgh Vi 'dc'ndj 'ZciZgY^c^

How Undelivery Affects Your

20. REFUNDING/ WITHDRAWING YOUR VMCAS APPLICATION

Refund Policy

Privacy Policy

24. VMCAS GLOSSARY

A

application cycle/eZgdY'd['i' b Z'Yj g'e' l] 'X] 'i] Z'VeeaXVi 'dc' [dgV'eVg 'Xj a'gZciZg'e' \ 'Xa/h'h'h'VXi kZ#] Z'KB 86H' % *' % + application cycle opens on January 22, 2025 and closes on September 15, 2025.

application status/eY'XVidgd['] dl ' [VgV'ad'e' 'ndj 'Vg'e' 'e' i] Z' application process. You can check your status on the Check Status page.

C

committee letter/h'e' \ a' g' Xdb b ZcYVi 'dc' a'ii Zgh' ^ cZY 'W' multiple recommenders. Check with individual programs about how/whether these are considered.

Complete/VeeaxVi 'dc' hiVij hi] Vi 'eY'XViZh'KB 86H' g'XZ' kZY' Vae' g'fj ' g'Y' b ViZgV'h' id' VZ' \ 'e' i] Z' kZg' XVi 'dc' e'gd' XZhh' # ' iV' Zh' il' d' weeks on average from the time your application is marked as ' 8db e' aiZ' id' VZ' kZg' ZY' #] ' h' hiVij h' YdZh' cdi' \ j' Vg' /ciZZ' i] Vi 'ndj ' met the requirements of all your Colleges/Schools of Veterinary Medicine. It is your responsibility to ensure you meet all program requirements.

composite letter/b j a' e' a' g' Xdb b ZcYVi 'dc' a'ii Zgh' ^ cY' k' Yj Van' l' g' hiZc' h' ^ cZY' l' VcY' \ g' j eZY' id' Zi] Zg' #] ZhZ' h' dj a' VZ' h' j' Wb ' iZY' electronically by each individual recommender.

coursework/Xdj ghZh' ZciZg'Y' 'e' i] Z1 g' /chXgei' : cign' hZXi 'dc' d' the application.

credit hour/cj b VZgd['] dj gh' eZgl' ZZ' ' heZci' 'e' i] Z' Xa' /h' g' l' db ' [dgV' Xdj ghZl' i' ne' XVan' (' dg) #] ' h' c' j b VZgh' dj a' i' ne' XVan' VZ' g' edg' ZY' dc' 'ndj g' VeeaxVi 'dc' Zn' VXi' an' Vh' ^ ' VeeZVg' h' dc' 'ndj g' d' X' Va' i' g' /chXgeih' # - ' 'ndj g' d' X' Va' i' g' /chXgeih' h' 'ahi' % # ' dg' & ' Xg' Y' ^ '] dj g' g' [Zg' id' i] Z' VWX' ' d' 'ndj g' i' g' /chXgeih' dg' Xdc' iVXi' 'ndj g' g' \ ' h' i' g' h' id' XZ' for information on converting these to semester hours.

D

designation/j hZY' ^ ciZg' [Vc\ ZWWh' 1 ^] ' e' g' l' g' /b ' id' g' [Zg' id' Colleges/Schools of Veterinary Medicine that you selected in the application and to which you will submit your application.

Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)/YZ' g' Z' 'ndj ' l' ' a' id' VV' e' once you successfully complete a course of study at a College of Veterinary Medicine.

E

recommendation deadline/a' hi' YVn' dc' l] ' X] 'ndj ' XVc' h' j' Wb ' ^ Z' a' Xi' g' c' X' g' Xdb b ZcYVi 'dc' h' id' KB 86H' H' Zei' Zb VZg' & ' !' % * ' t' #

G

graduate/VXVYZb 'X' hiVij hi] Vi 'eY'XViZh' \ g' Yj ViZ' a' kZa' Xdj ghZl' dg' iV' Zc' idl' Vg' V' \ g' Yj ViZ' a' kZa' YZ' \ g' Z' ' e' # E] # 9 # B VhiZgd[' HX' ZcXZ! ' B VhiZgd[' 6gh! ' B # 9 # 9 # K # B # #

I

In-progress/VeeaxVi 'dc' hiVij hi] Vi 'eY'XViZh' 'ndj ' Xg' ViZY' 'ndj g' account but did not yet submit it to any VMCAS programs.

L

Letters by Liaison, our Recommender Portal/h' t' Z' l] Zg' recommenders complete and submit your electronic letters of recommendation. Recommenders are provided with the site URL once you add them in the Recommendations section of your application.

P

post-baccalaureate/VXVYZb 'X' hiVij hi] Vi 'eY'XViZh' j cYZg' g' Yj ViZ' a' kZa' Xdj ghZl' dg' iV' Zc' V[iZg'ndj g' g' hi' W' X] Z' ad' g' i' degree is earned. If you earned a second bachelor's degree, it is considered post-baccalaureate.

primary institution/hX] ddal] Zg' 'ndj ' g' XZ' kZY' dg' ^ ciZcY' id' receive your undergraduate degree. If you do not intend to receive an undergraduate degree, select the school from which you earned the most credits.

program/j hZY' ^ ciZg' [Vc\ ZWWh' 1 ^] ' YZ' h' ^ cVi 'dc' id' g' [Zg' id' i] Z' Colleges/Schools of Veterinary Medicine that you selected in the application and to which you will submit your application.

R

Received/VeeaxVi 'dc' hiVij hi] Vi 'eY'XViZh' 'ndj ' h' j' Wb ' iZY' 'ndj g' application to at least one program, but VMCAS has not yet g' XZ' kZY' Vae' b ViZgV'h' ^ cZ' XZhh' Vgn' id' VZ' \ ' e' kZg' XVi 'dc' #

S

supplemental application/VY' Y' ^ dc' Va' VeeaxVi 'dc' g' fj ' g' Y' Vh' V' College/School of Veterinary Medicine in addition to the VMCAS application. Check each program's individual requirements regarding supplemental applications. Note that there may be additional fees associated which should be paid directly to the program requesting the supplemental application.

T

transcript request form /YdXj b Zci i] Vi h] dj a'VZ'Ydl cadVYZY and sent for each institution you listed in the Colleges Attended hZXi d'c'd[i] Z'VeeaXVi d'c#] h'[dgb] Zæh'KB 86H'b ViX] ndj g d X'Vai'd/chXgeih'id'ndj g'VeeaXVi d'c#6a] dj \] i] h'[dgb 'h' not required, VMCAS strongly recommends that you ask each g' h'g/gfi'd XZ'id'ViVX] i] h'[dgb id'ndj gd X'Vai'd/chXgeih'#' you cannot use this form, ensure that your transcript contains the word "VMCAS" and your full VMCAS ID is printed on the transcript by the registrar.

U

undelivered /hi Vij hi] Vi 'cY'XVi Zh'KB 86H'hiV[[^YZci ^ ZY discrepancies or issues in your self-reported coursework and it] Vh'VZc'g'ij g'ZY id'ndj '[dgZY h#B dc'fdgndj g'cdi ^ XVi d'ch'VcY email for instructions on how to correct your application. Once an application is undelivered, it must be revised and re-delivered in order to continue processing.

V

/Veeaxvi d'c'hi Vij hi] Vi 'cY'XVi Zh'ndj g'VeeaXVi d'c'1 Vh' kZg^ ZY'VcY'ndj g'KB 86H'<E6h1 Zg'XVaj a'iZY#DcXZ'kZg^ ZY! your application is immediately available for your designations/ programs to review.

/egdXZh'h'c'1] X] 'KB 86H'hiV[[^g'k'Zl h'ndj g' coursework to ensure it was entered correctly and consistently.

VMCAS ID /j c'fj Z'Zc'^Y^'9'cj b VZgi] Vi ^YZci ^ Zh'ndj g' application. Provide this number in all communications with VMCAS Customer Service.

25. APPLICATION STATUSES

Applicants are responsible for monitoring the status of an Veeaxvi d'c#Cdi ^ XVi d'ch'Vg'cdi h'Zci '[dgVcn'b h'h'c'\^Zb h# l d'] Zæ'ndj ~ ZZe'ig/X' d[i'ndj g'VeeaXVi d'c'VcY'Væib Vi Zg'Vah!' click Check Status at the top of the application dashboard.

Keep in mind that it takes 7-10 business days from the date d[i'g'XZ'ei id'edhi ig/chXgeih'VcY'd X'Vai'Zhi h'Xdg'h'id'ndj g' application. Recommendations are immediately updated once received from your recommender.

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