

Pre-veterinary medicine at Clemson University

Plan your path

Core prerequisites checklist for many veterinary programs:

- Biology
- Cellular biology
- Microbiology
- Chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Physics
- Social sciences/
humanities
- Statistics/
mathematics
- Genetics
- Science and
other electives
- English composition

These additional courses may be required by select schools:

- Anatomy
- Animal science
- Animal nutrition
- Physiology
- Speech/public speaking
- Medical terminology

Prerequisites vary by school. Please refer to your preferred veterinary school's website for detailed requirement information.

Veterinarians will be in high demand in the coming years, making this an appealing career path for animal lovers and entrepreneurs alike.

There are many reasons students choose veterinary medicine as a career. Many veterinarians enjoy the independence and autonomy of owning their own practice and the flexibility of determining their practice hours. They enjoy an excellent career outlook with increasing demand, particularly in the areas of food animal and public health veterinary medicine.



Applying to veterinary school

Veterinary colleges have no trouble attracting animal lovers. Still, they are looking for students who know how to run a business, communicate with clients, conduct research and work in areas that the public does not usually associate with veterinary medicine, such as biomedical research, food supply veterinary medicine and public health. Veterinarians receive training across species making them uniquely qualified to fill various roles in medicine, health and research.

Gain experience

- ▶ Job shadow and volunteer at a farm or animal shelter.
- ▶ Apply for internships at veterinary clinics.
- ▶ Seek opportunities for research experience.

Find out more

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges provides resources for students considering veterinary medicine as a career.

- ▶ Visit aavmc.org for more information.

Veterinary career options

- ▶ Private practice
- ▶ Corporate veterinary medicine
- ▶ Federal government
- ▶ U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Teaching
- ▶ Public health
- ▶ Food supply veterinary medicine
- ▶ Global veterinary medicine
- ▶ Public policy
- ▶ Shelter medicine
- ▶ Diagnostic laboratories

Contracted vet schools for South Carolina residents

- ▶ Mississippi State University
- ▶ Tuskegee University
- ▶ University of Georgia



To learn more, connect with the Clemson Pre-Vet Club.
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Or contact your academic advisor.



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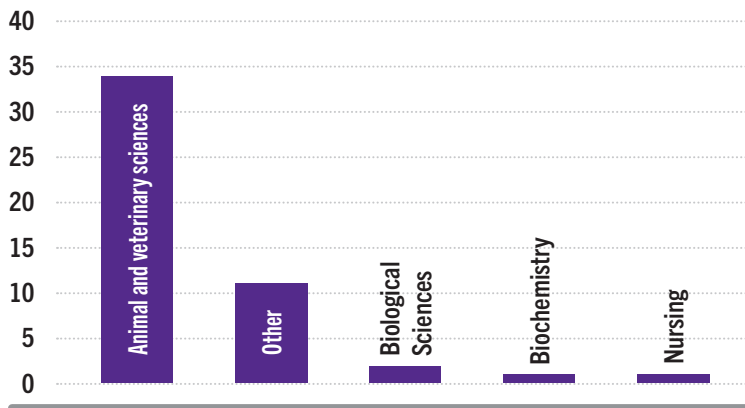
Veterinary medicine school

Coming Soon!

The Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine at Clemson University is set to welcome its first class in Fall 2026, pending accreditation.

Learn more: www.clemson.edu/veterinary-medicine

Accepted undergraduate students by major



The four pillars of veterinary school acceptance

Academic history

Letters of recommendation

Interviews

Experience

Average acceptance rate

National average

37%

Clemson average

57%

Clemson average is higher than the national average

+20%

Source: Veterinary Medical College Application Service, 2024-25

Average GPA

of accepted Clemson students

3.6

Where students study

Students most frequently attend these schools after Clemson:

- ▶ University of Georgia
- ▶ Mississippi State University
- ▶ University of Tennessee
- ▶ Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- ▶ Lincoln Memorial University

\$119,100

average veterinarian salary

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023

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