

Pre-Veterinary at UNT

Prospective Student Handout

The Office of Health Professions provides advising and guidance for any current student who expresses an interest in applying and attending a veterinary school after graduation. Though we do not offer a formal program, major, or concentration in Pre-Veterinary Studies, we will serve any student who wishes to become a Veterinarian. Therefore, no UNT student has to 'qualify' for our advising services; as long as you are a current student, we will gladly help you create a plan to achieve your professional goals.

The Office of Health Professions provides the following services:

- Personalized Advising
- Career Exploration
- Application Guidance and Planning
- Review of Entrance Requirements and Prerequisite Coursework
- Professional Timeline
- Interview Preparation and Personal Statement Review

Frequently Asked Questions about Pre-Veterinary at UNT

What prerequisites do I need for Veterinary schools?

See a list of all Texas Veterinary prerequisites in our Pre-Veterinary Packet (courses are presented as UNT course numbers): <https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions/pre-veterinary-medicine-university-north-texas>

When do I apply for Veterinary school?

Students will apply for Veterinary programs one year before enrollment. Many students use the year in between to complete their Bachelor's degree. Be sure to check all deadlines on the Veterinary Schools' websites.

Is a Bachelor's degree required for admission to a Veterinary school?

Yes. Becoming a Veterinarian requires that you earn a Bachelor's degree first. Any Bachelor's is appropriate for admission.

What should I major in?

Many students choose to major in Biology (BA or BS) because most of the Veterinary prerequisites will apply towards such a degree. To learn more about these degrees, please contact the College of Arts & Sciences to schedule a prospective appointment: 940-369-8606. As mentioned above, any major is appropriate, so please contact the department on campus that houses the major of your interest.

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Do I have to major in science?

No. Beyond the required science courses, a broad liberal arts background is encouraged and expected, as is majoring in the field that most interests you.

What will make me a competitive candidate for Veterinary school admission?

Though not all is required, the following information can help you become a competitive candidate:

- **GPA:** 3.6-4.0 is considered a competitive GPA for Veterinary School
- **Entrance Exam:** Pre-Veterinary students are required to take the GRE (Graduate Record Examination). Please visit the GRE website for more information: www.ets.org/gre
- **Community Service:** Pre-Veterinary students should find volunteer opportunities that are consistent and relevant to their passion for serving the animal community
- **Shadowing:** Students should shadow a veterinarian regularly

Can I use my AP credit to fulfill my pre-health requirements?

It depends on the schools and the courses.

When should I take the GRE?

Ideally, pre-veterinary students should take the GRE around March of the year they are applying.

Does UNT offer any Pre-Health clubs on campus?

Yes. Please visit our website for a list of Pre-Health organizations on campus:

<https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions/pre-veterinary-medicine-university-north-texas>

What is HPAC?

HPAC stands for 'Health Professions Advisory Committee'. The only veterinary school in Texas prefers a committee letter of recommendation from a student's undergraduate institution, and the HPAC provides such opportunity for UNT pre-veterinary students.

Qualifications for HPAC: 15 hours of UNT course credit and a 3.2 cumulative GPA (subject to change)

Does UNT offer a Veterinary Program?

No, the UNT Denton campus, does not offer a Veterinary Program. Texas A&M University (College Station) offers the only veterinary program in Texas.

I am not sure if I would like to attend UNT. How can I learn more about transferring?

- 1) Feel free to schedule a prospective appointment with an advisor in the major of your interest. During your meeting, be sure to express your interest in Pre-Veterinary and have a Pre-Veterinary packet available (this can help evaluate how the Pre-Veterinary courses will apply towards your major): <https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions/pre-veterinary-medicine-university-north-texas>
- 2) Once you have been accepted to UNT, you will attend a new student orientation. At orientation, please attend our Pre-Health seminar to learn more about the journey to a Health Professional school.
- 3) After orientation, feel free to schedule an appointment with a Pre-Health Counselor in the Office of Health Professions: 940-369-8606.
- 4) Have questions about Pre-Health at UNT? Feel free to e-mail us or give us a call at 940-369-8606.