



# Pre-Veterinary Experience Day

*Presented by the University of Kentucky's Pre-Veterinary Advising Program, in conjunction with UK Ag Equine Programs and Kentucky Horse Council*

February 17, 2024, Kentucky Horse Park

Veterinary Medicine is an exciting profession offering a diverse array of rewarding career path options. The Pre-Vet Experience Day will provide undergraduate students interested in a veterinary career information critical for informed decision making.

Hosted in Lexington, Kentucky, this day-long event offers students insight into current veterinary medicine issues, addressing topics such as student debt, mental health and work-life balance. A panel discussion with current veterinary professionals will debate functional ways of navigating these industry concerns.

Attendees can also choose between informational sessions based on their level of knowledge and stage of preparation for vet school. Those who are early in their investigation of the pre-veterinary pathway may select sessions focused on assessing veterinary schools and preparing a competitive veterinary school application. Those students who are further along in their pre-vet journey can opt into sessions providing insight into the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) application and the diverse career possibilities in the veterinary field.

In the afternoon, students will participate in one of four veterinary career path explorations with focus options including companion/small animal, livestock, equine or government/academia. These tours will give attendees the opportunity to view a veterinary facility and ask questions of a professional in their area of interest.

Make plans to attend today! Space will be limited.



# Tentative Schedule of Events

**8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration**

**8:30 a.m. Welcome & Introduction**

**9:00-9:45 a.m. Session 1**

Option A: Introduction to pre-veterinary requirements; what you need to be aware of to be a competitive veterinary school applicant

*Dr. Pedro de Pedro, Morehead State University*

Option B: Tips and tricks for vet school applications; insights into veterinary school interviews

*Dr. Andrea Sexton, Eastern Kentucky University*

**9:50-10:35 a.m. Session 2**

Option A: Unraveling the vet school mystery: What vet school is the right fit for you? Discussion of vet school formats, cost, location and requirements

*Colette Tebeau, University of Kentucky*

Option B: You Graduated ... What's Next? Highlighting the scope, breadth and depth of the veterinary industry

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**10:35-10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45-11:15 a.m. Presentation**

Issues in veterinary medicine: Debt, mental health and work-life balance;

How you can best prepare yourself for your future career

**11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Group Panel**

Successfully navigating your vet med career

*Drs. Cage Cruise, Holly Helbig, Erin Homerosky, Marty Riney and more!*

**12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch**

**2:45 p.m. – Industry Tours and Discussions**

Option A: Equine veterinary career focus – Spy Coast Farm

Option B: Livestock veterinary career focus - Blue Grass Stockyards

Option C: Companion/Small animal career focus - Nicholasville Road Animal Hospital

Option D: Industry/Government career focus - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory tour

**5:30-8:30 p.m. Optional dinner at the Kentucky Horse Park, hosted by the Kentucky Horse Council. RSVP required. Limited seating available; RSVPs will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.**

5:30-6:00 p.m. Networking

6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00-8:00 p.m. Discussion Panel

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