

First Year

- CONTACT your pre-vet mentor to discuss veterinary school requirements
- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES - develop strong study habits and set an excellent foundation now
- CONNECT through the Pre-Vet Canvas page
- JOIN the Pre-Vet Club ---strongly suggested (all 4 years)
- TAKE advantage of special speakers, field trips, etc (all 4 years)
- CREATE a resume of all high school clubs, sports, activities, jobs, and leadership
- KEEP a log of all veterinary and animal experience (high school and college)
- GAIN experience working for a veterinarian (shadow, volunteer, or paid)
- GET tutors in chemistry, math or other courses if you need them!
- MEET with pre-vet mentors regularly and COMMUNICATE with them prior to changing your schedule
- APPLY for all scholarships available (all 4 years)

Second Year

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES - maintain strong grades even with hefty course loads
- MINIMIZE having any "W"s on your transcript
- CONSIDER who will be writing your letters of recommendation: veterinarian, academic person, and person of your choice
- CONTINUE to get experience with veterinarians and different types of animals (large, small, exotic, lab animal, etc.)
- SEEK leadership roles in clubs and organizations
- OBTAIN community service experience - working with people is important too!
- INVESTIGATE vet schools of interest and note any additional course requirements you need (outside of your major)
- COMPLETE your plan of study with a degree advisor!

Third Year

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES - keep them up during rigorous upper-level coursework
- CONTINUE with meaningful veterinary and animal experience, leadership, community service
- THINK about gaining experience in different circumstances: veterinarians at horse or dog shows, racetracks, livestock expos, zoos, diagnostic lab, alternative medicine, etc.
- CONTINUE to document all college activities - extracurriculars, achievements, research - for your application
- DETERMINE if your chosen schools require the CASPER or GRE exams and WHEN you need to take them
- TAKE Biochemistry 401G, and if needed Microbiology 308/309
- CONSIDER your plan B if you do not get in to Vet School (re-apply? retake classes? switch gears?)

Fourth Year

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES (average for accepted KY students is 3.5/4.0)
- COMPLETE your VMCAS application and residency forms by announced deadline, including transcripts and residency requirements
- REVIEW interview types and ATTEND mock interviews
- CONTINUE rigorous coursework and FINISH STRONG in case you need to re-apply
- GRADUATE!
- CELEBRATE getting into vet school, or implement your Plan B
- KEEP your Pre-vet mentors in the loop!

***This is not an all-inclusive checklist, but rather general guidance to help you organize your pre-vet pathway. It is each student's responsibility to stay informed about the specific requirements of each veterinary program of interest.**

