

## **Sample Timeline for Pre-Veterinary Students\***

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**[www.ca.uky.edu/gluck](http://www.ca.uky.edu/gluck) and click on "undergraduate studies"**

### **First year**

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES will help get you accepted to veterinary school!
- JOIN the PV listserv (mandatory).
- JOIN the Pre-Vet Club (every year)---strongly suggested.
- TAKE advantage of special speakers, field trips, training sessions (x 4 years).
- WRITE a resume of all high school clubs, sports, activities, etc.
- START a log book of all veterinary and animal experience (HS and college).
- START to get experience working for a veterinarian (volunteer or paid).
- GET tutors in chemistry, math or other courses if you need them!
- TALK to your advisor prior to changing your schedule/dropping a course.
- APPLY for all scholarships available (x 4 years).

### **Second year**

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES (16-18 hours)! MINIMIZE having any "W"s on transcript.
- THINK about who will be writing your letters of recommendation (Dr. Dwyer doesn't); veterinarian, academic person and person of your choice.
- CONTINUE to get work experience with veterinarians, large and small animal.
- GET into leadership roles in clubs and organizations.
- OBTAIN community service experience--you need to work with people as well as animals as a veterinarian!
- DETERMINE which other schools you might be interested in applying to: [www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org) and "Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements," Purdue University Press (found on the web) which provides numbers of students applying vs being accepted. *Note any additional course requirements needed so you can schedule them in the next 2 years.*
- COMPLETE your plan of study with a degree advisor!

### **Third year**

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES (16-18 hours).
- Obtain a study guide with computer disk for the GRE and start working the problems.
- CONTINUE with veterinary experience, leadership, community service.
- THINK about volunteering with veterinarians in different circumstances: veterinarians at horse or dog shows, racetracks, livestock expo, zoos, alternative medicine, etc.
- CONTINUE to document all college and work activities for your application.
- TAKE Biochemistry 401G in Spring semester.
- WHAT is your plan B if you do not get into Veterinary School? (re-apply?)
- SPRING semester--attend the Applicant Workshop announced on the UK PV listserv.

### **Fourth year (16-18 hours) FALL SEMESTER**

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES! (average for accepted KY students is 3.45/4.0)
- Take your GRE in August and again in September (if need be).
- COMPLETE your VMCAS application and KY residency form by announced deadline dates.

### **SPRING SEMESTER**

- PREPARE for your interviews held January - March.
- DO well in courses in case you have to re-apply. GRADUATE in May.
- Hopefully CELEBRATE getting into vet school, or implement Plan B.

\*This is *not* a check sheet that is all-inclusive, but is general information that the PV listserv postings will update---it is YOUR responsibility to read listserv announcements!