

Application Instructions for Admission in Fall 2010 Auburn and Tuskegee Colleges of Veterinary Medicine

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It is your responsibility to read your e-mail for updates on the application process. Reapplicants must do everything just as if they were a first time applicant.

OVERVIEW:

- Complete the Student Info Form and submit it ASAP. It will be kept on file in Diane's office. If you move and/or change your telephone number or e-mail, **you must submit an update**, otherwise, important updates may not reach you in time.
- **VMCAS should be online mid-June, 2009.** <https://www.VMCAS.com> [Note: https in address].
- Complete KY Residency Form and return it during **August**.
- Complete the GPA Form and submit it by **September 1**.
- Complete VMCAS application for Auburn - suggested filing date is by **September 15** to avoid web jams.
- Tuskegee applications are online at www.onemedicine.tuskegee.edu Their deadline is October 1, 2009. Contact Tuskegee with all questions.

NOTE: Expect that completion of the residency and application forms will take approximately 40 hours of time! -- Late applications are NOT accepted by VMCAS or Tuskegee!

RESIDENCY FORMS – to be completed only by Kentucky residents applying to Auburn and Tuskegee.

- www.cpe.ky.gov/forstudents/academic Click on “**veterinary medicine contract seats**”; scroll to “**related materials**”; click on “**application for residency**” and print out the form. Also read other links on these pages for further information.
- All Kentucky applicants **MUST** complete Kentucky Residency Forms for application to Auburn and/or Tuskegee!
- KY Residency Forms for Fall 2009 UK-enrolled students should be returned during **August** to Ms. Tara Bopp or Mr. Stephen Barnett, 100 Funkhouser Building, UK Campus. Please directly contact them with any questions at 257-3256.
- KY Residency Forms for those not currently attending UK should be mailed during **August** to the attention of Dr. Rana Johnson at the Frankfort address at the top of the residency form. Contact Dr. Johnson directly with any questions at (502) 573-1555 ext. 234 or rana.johnson@ky.gov.

- READ all instructions on the form. You will be applying for the term of Fall, 2010. If you are claimed as a dependent on income tax forms of a parent, copies of the first page (both sides) of 2008 state and federal income tax forms are needed from the parent(s) to be attached to the residency application as well as your own tax forms (copies of page 1, front & back). Feel free to white-out actual dollar amounts. The residency form **MUST** be notarized. Notaries are available in Ag North, Room S103A, and also in Room 13 Funkhouser.
- Follow all instructions! If you even think you'll be applying to Tuskegee, please check the appropriate box on the first page.
- Submit to the proper person above - and not to Dr. Dwyer.

GRE

- Auburn and Tuskegee require the Graduate Records Examination (GRE) General Test to be taken by all applicants. (Other schools may have additional test requirements.) The GRE is taken by computer at test sites in Lexington, Louisville and Murray in KY. Go to **www.gre.com** for costs, registration and locations. Carefully read VMCAS directions on the deadlines for taking this test for each school. I suggest you take it in June, and if you are not happy with your scores, you can take it again in 4 weeks. For Auburn, the scores must reach them by **November 1, 2009**. Tuskegee requires scores by **October 1, 2009**.
- GRE scores for Auburn are good for 6 years, and only 3 years for Tuskegee. Tests may be taken more than once, with the highest scores counted. Auburn accepted students' average score is ~1100 on verbal+quantitative. However, Auburn does consider the written portion in conjunction with the VMCAS essay and English course grades in evaluating your written communication skills.

VMCAS APPLICATION

- **https://www.VMCAS.com** (Available **mid-June, 2009**, per their website.)
- Deadline is **October 1, 2009**. Think about who you'll have write your three letters of recommendation NOW! Dr. Dwyer does not write any letters of recommendation because of the conflict of interest. Once you begin the VMCAS application, promptly request transcripts per instructions; contact your letter-writers and give them a deadline to submit their letters (preferably done online per VMCAS instructions) - **September 1** is suggested.
- Remember this is an application to a professional studies program, and therefore should have an overall appearance of neatness, correctness and clarity. Write your essay, have several veterinarians read it, revise, revise, revise and then have an English professor or someone you know who is a professional writer seriously proofread it for you. Use the words "veterinarian" and "veterinary" correctly, and do not use the lay term "vet" at all in your application.
- Filling this application is arduous. In answer to last year's question "Do I really have to copy all of my grades/fill in all the questions," etc., the answer is YES (if you want a viable application).

TIME TABLE OVERVIEW:

- **December 2009** - students request transcripts with Fall 2009 grades per VMCAS instructions and Tuskegee applications. HINT: request these after Fall final exams before you go home for break!
- **January-March 2010** - students will hear from Auburn/Tuskegee regarding interview times/dates.
- Interviews with the admissions committee at Auburn, AL in **March 2010**. Tuskegee interviews are **January/February**.
- Approximately 2-6 weeks after interviews, students are notified of the decisions of the selection committee.
- Hopefully, students will be starting freshman year of veterinary school **September 2010!**

TRANSCRIPTS:

- It is your responsibility to read through your transcripts to ensure their accuracy. Each year two or three students detect discrepancies on transcripts, ones that no one else would be able to find. GET THEM CORRECTED prior to sending out transcripts! Vet schools want copies of transcripts from **every** college/university you attended.

SPECIFICS:

- If any school requires a photograph on a supplemental application, remember this will be the first impression the admissions committee will have of you. AAA and Kinko's do passport photos.
- You must have a 2.50 Overall GPA by **October 1, 2009** for Auburn; 2.7 for Tuskegee.

GPA FORM:

- All students are required to figure two grade point averages: Overall, and Organic/Physics Courses. This form must be submitted to Dr. Dwyer via the webpage by **September 1, 2009**.

BE SURE to proofread your application before submission. Better yet, ask a few people to also proof the forms.

BE SURE to make a copy of your completed application before submission. This is for your peace of mind (and mine). Computer glitches have been known to happen.

After October 1, if you decide to withdraw your application from Auburn or Tuskegee, you need to notify the schools and Dr. Dwyer in writing.

GOOD LUCK!