

Veterinary School Application Checklist

Use this checklist as a quick reference, and tick off the boxes when preparing your vet school application:

1. Research Veterinary Schools

- ☐ Explore accredited programs and specialties
- ☐ Compare curriculum, faculty, and clinics
- ☐ Note deadlines, fees, and tuition
- ☐ Research scholarships and financial aid

2. Meet Prerequisites

- ☐ Review required courses and GPA
- ☐ Log animal, vet, and volunteer hours
- ☐ Track academic progress
- ☐ Ask mentors for informal evaluations

3. Complete the VMCAS Application

- ☐ Create a VMCAS account early
- ☐ Enter coursework and upload transcripts
- ☐ Write the experiences section clearly
- ☐ Proof for errors and consistency
- ☐ Submit and confirm before the deadline

4. Get Ready for the GRE (If Required)

- ☐ Check if schools require the GRE
- ☐ Register and pick a test date
- ☐ Use prep guides and take practice tests
- ☐ Focus study on weak areas
- ☐ Send scores to schools on time

5. Write Your Personal Statement

- ☐ Clarify why you want to be a vet
- ☐ Outline key points and experiences
- ☐ Write a compelling, honest draft
- ☐ Revise multiple times
- ☐ Get feedback before finalizing

6. Secure Letters of Recommendation

- ☐ Check letter requirements for each school
- ☐ Choose qualified & supportive recommenders
- ☐ Share your resume and statement
- ☐ Ask well in advance
- ☐ Track submissions via VMCAS

7. Prepare for Interviews



- ☐ Research interview types (MMI, panel, etc.)
- ☐ Practice sample questions and ethics scenarios
- ☐ Schedule mock interviews
- ☐ Prepare smart questions to ask
- ☐ Dress professionally and arrive early

