

ACADEMIC ADVISING

So you want to study VETERINARY MEDICINE

Depending on the program, students may complete up to two years worth of university level coursework at Camosun. Students are to confirm with their destination institution that the below academic requirements & non-academic preparations are current. Students should also confirm deadlines and GPA requirements for admission with their destination institution. Because admission to these programs is competitive, students should have a backup plan that may include an alternative degree.

University of Saskatchewan: Western College of Veterinary Medicine

www.usask.ca

Academic Requirements

- 2 years (60 credits) towards an undergraduate degree from a recognized post secondary institution
- Check directly with this institution for required or recommended course work

Non-Academic Preparation

- Close association with veterinarians and animals and have a sound perspective of the veterinary profession

FYI: 2 semesters of Biochemistry are required, so an additional biochemistry beyond the CHEM 255 must be completed.

Thompson Rivers University: Animal Health Technology Diploma

www.tru.ca

Academic Requirements

- Grade 12 graduation,
- Principles of Math 11, Biology 11, Chemistry 11, English 12, 1 grade 12 Science
- If have taken Biology 12, then the Biology 11 requirement is waived.
- Check directly with this institution for required or recommended course work

Non-Academic Preparation

- It is recommended that applicants attempt to complete 2 weeks working or volunteering in a veterinary clinic.
- Experience with animals on farms, SPCA, wildlife refuges, or any other animal orientated facility is recommended

FYI: This program is also available by distance education

If a student can successfully take a full course load (5 courses) of post secondary studies it is a strong indicator that the student will be able to handle the workload in the program.

TRU also offers a certificate in Animal Welfare

Academic Requirements

- Grade 12 graduation, or mature student status.
- Biology 11 **or** Biology 12 **or** university transferable BIOL
- English 12
- Chemistry 11, **or** Chemistry 12, **or** university transferable CHEM
- Principles of Math 11, **or** Applications **or** Principles of Math 12 **or** MATH 092 & 093 **or** university transferable MATH or STAT
- 1 grade 12 Science from Biology 12, Chemistry 12, Geology 12, or Physics 12.
- If have taken Chemistry 12 **or** Biology 12 then the Chemistry 11 or Biology 11 requirement is waived and the Grade 12 Science requirement is also met with the same course.
- Check directly with this institution for required or recommended course work

Non-Academic Preparation

- 80 hours of veterinary related volunteer or work experience
- Computer skills – Windows, Word, Excel, Email



For Your Information:

- The British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association has links to general information at www.bcvma.org
- Animal healthcare information and career resources can be found at www.animalhealthcare.ca
- Other schools offer similar or related programs:

Alberta: Olds College www.oldscollege.ab.ca

Lakeland College www.lakelandcollege.ca

NAIT www.nait.ca

Saskatchewan: SIAST www.siastr.sk.ca