

Veterinary Medical Technology Program

Application for Pre-Admission to the Junior Year

The application for pre-admission to the junior year of the Veterinary Medical Technology Program (VMTP) is available to high school seniors and college freshmen (who have completed no more than 18 college credits) January 15 –March 15 each year and is due for submission March 15.

Why consider pre-admission?

Pre-admission to the VMTP offers peace of mind because those accepted into the program do not go through any further selection process. The successful applicant has a spot in the junior class reserved for him or her. There will be no interviews, nor will there be the stress associated with the normal application process.

How does the VMTP pre-admission work?

Students who have an interest in veterinary medical technology and meet application requirements may apply for pre-admission. When a student gains pre-admission status, he/she begins/continues undergraduate work at Mississippi State University (MSU) and completes the first two years of prerequisite courses. After the student has completed all prerequisite courses for entry into the junior year and has remained in good standing, he/she will begin the junior year. The student does not make further application to the VMTP and does not interview for admission.

What are the application requirements for pre-admission to the VMTP?

High school seniors applying for pre-admission must have the following qualifications:

1. ACT composite score of 21 (SAT score of 1500) **and**
2. High school grade average of 80.

College freshmen applying for pre-admission must have the following qualifications:

1. Meet or exceed the high school senior requirements,
2. Have completed no more than 18 semester credits,
3. Have a college GPA of 2.75 or greater, and
4. Have no grade less than "C" in any pre-requisite course.

In addition, the VMTP Admissions Committee considers animal and veterinary experience, work experience, leadership qualities, and nontechnical skills and aptitudes (character, community service, etc.) as described in the applicant's written application for pre-admitted status to the VMTP, and in the applicant's three Confidential Evaluations.

How many students are pre-admitted each year?

Ten pre-admitted positions are available each year. There is no set distribution between high school seniors and college freshmen.

Are there other conditions for receiving a pre-admitted status to the VMTP?

Each student pre-admitted to the VMTP must also be accepted to Mississippi State University. Applications for pre-admission status to the VMTP and MSU are separate applications.

Can out-of-state students apply for pre-admission status to the VMTP?

Yes. Both Mississippi and out-of-state students may apply.

When are applications for pre-admission available?

Applications for pre-admission to the VMTP are available by January 15 each year, and are due for return by March 15. Applicants are notified of acceptance status by April 15.

How do I get an application?

Applications are available online from January 15 to March 15 each year.

How do I choose my evaluators?

Choosing your evaluators is a critical part of the application packet. You must choose:

- An individual that can attest to your talents, skills, and abilities with animals (references from a clinical, research, or farm environment are encouraged),
- An individual that can attest to your academic talent, and
- An individual of your choosing.

Choose individuals who truly know you and can attest to your character and qualities.

Once accepted, what must a student do to retain his or her pre-admission status?

- Successfully complete a minimum 13 credit hours per semester
- Earn no less than a 2.75 GPA in all college courses combined (cumulative/overall GPA)
- Earn no grade less than "C" in any pre-requisite course
- Remain in good standing with the University
- Meet with the VMTP faculty advisor at least once each semester

Why should a pre-admitted student consider taking at least one additional course each semester? This would be in addition to the recommended pre-requisite courses.

Hopefully, each student who gains pre-admission to the VMTP will remain focused on the program. However, in all likelihood some of the pre-admitted students will have a change of mind relative to their career choice. One additional course per semester could shorten the students' time to graduation by a full semester.

For the pre-admitted students whose focus remains on the VMTP, adding one course each semester in strategic study areas will not only enhance the students' overall education, but also enhance their potential employment after graduation. The additional course should be a discussion point each time the students meet with the VMTP faculty advisor.