

Campus Resources and Opportunities

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Veterinary Opportunities

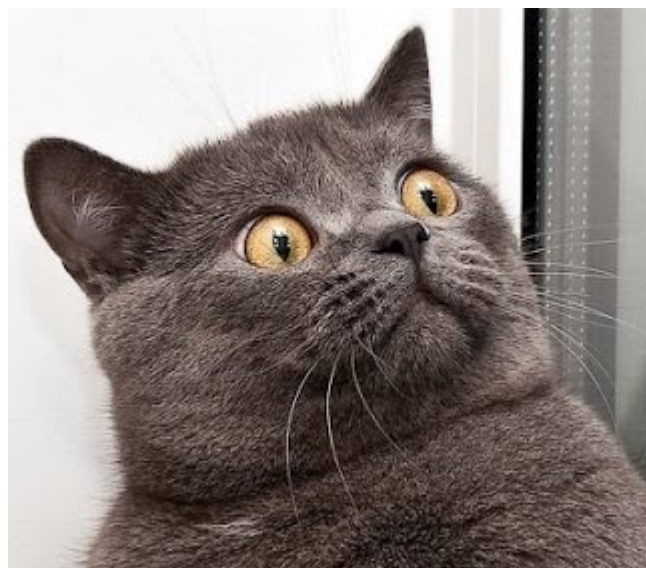
- On Campus:
 - Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital
 - VMTH Research
 - Aggie Job Link
 - Professors – asking around, professors know each other!
 - Clinics
 - Knights Landing
 - Mercer Clinic
 - Center for Equine Health
 - Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)
 - Must have a 3.0 GPA in all sciences and cumulative coursework, have some veterinary experience

Veterinary Opportunities Cont.

- Off Campus:
 - Clinics in Davis – Small Animal Hospital, Midtown Animal Clinic, Acorn Veterinary Clinic
 - Yolo Animal Shelter in Woodland
 - Bus goes directly in front
 - Go home!
 - Much easier to find internships – less competitive
 - VIDA Volunteer – Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua
 - UC Davis Study Abroad in Australia – internship opportunity and get UWP course credit too!
- Any experience is good experience!

But remember....

- Absolutely **NOTHING** can make up for a poor GPA
 - Don't let your experience get in the way of your grades
 - Use summer to your advantage
 - Gap year
 - **Your courses and your studying must come first**
- Check how many hours you actually need
 - Western – 500 animal (not specifically vet) done by the Spring before you start
 - UC Davis – 180 vet clinical hours
 - Don't be discouraged by the averages that you see!



Speaking of GPA, here are some tips:

- Take your time
 - Don't be afraid to let your advisor know that you are struggling with the science
 - Be honest!
 - Space out your science – see what is required for your major and what must be in sequence
 - i.e. Physics, CHE 2C, Organic Chemistry
 - Save your hardest classes (if you can) for after you apply to vet school
 - **This can backfire!**
- Don't try to catch up or go too fast because you feel that “you are behind”
- Don't load up on experience that you struggle to find a balance

Tips cont.

- Watch retakes – may not be worth it!
 - 2nd repeats are not an option, generally!
 - Can become an even worse situation
- Do not trust what your “friend” says
 - Fact check on your own, **it is your responsibility!**
- Potentially consider other routes
 - If you are not successful, try something else!
- Applying to vet school – check schools
 - Applying to more doesn't increase your chances
 - Out of state concerns (if CA resident)
- Take advantage of the many resources available:

Resources that are here to help!

- Student Academic Success Center (SASC)
 - Study Skills Assistance
 - Can meet one on one with a retention officer
 - Drop in tutoring – have somewhere to work on homework
 - Workshops
 - Co-courses – Pass 1 for EOP students, Pass 2 for everyone else
- Office Hours – actually use them!
- STEM Café – hosted by Women's Resources and Research Center (WRRC)
 - Open to all genders
 - North Hall 125

Health Professions Advising

- hpa.ucdavis.edu
- Now in Hickey Gym
- Great workshops:
 - Intro to Vet Med
 - Interview Practice
 - Writing about experience
 - Academic Recovery: Staying on the Pre-Health Track
 - Pre-Health for Non-Science majors
- Can meet one on one with a peer or staff advisor to get additional help

What if things didn't go the way that you hoped?

- UC Davis Open Campus
 - You can still take courses here even after you graduate
 - Expensive and limited
 - Recommend upper division science
 - <https://extension.ucdavis.edu/open-campus>
 - Also available at other UCs
- Graduate School
 - Great programs available all over the world!
 - Veterinary schools will evaluate graduate work
 - Requires around a 3.0 GPA (depending on program), research experience, and letter of rec from faculty

Boost GPA cont.

- Pre-Health Post Baccalaureate Programs
 - A way of redoing courses, potentially
 - Expensive!
 - Examples:
 - San Francisco State University
 - UC Berkeley Extension
 - CSU – Los Angeles
 - CSU – East Bay
 - UCLA Extension
 - Not much is know about these options so be careful!

Other careers...

- Animal Behaviorist
- Animal Breeder
- Animal Caretaker
- Animal Control Officer
- Animal Rehabilitation
- Animal Shelter Manager
- Animal Trainer
- Artificial Insemination Tech
- Banking/Finances
- Barn Manager/Herdsman
- Biologist
- Biotechnologist
- Business Management
- Chemist Clinical Researcher
- Conservationist
- Dentist
- Ecologist
- Embryo Transfer Technician
- Endocrinologist
- Environmental Specialist
- Epidemiologist
- Extension Agent/Specialist
- Facility Manager
- Farm Business Manager
- Feed Manufacturing
- Forestry Technician
- Geneticist
- Groomer
- Health Inspector
- Humane Law Enforcement
- Immunologist
- Laboratory Technician
- Livestock Judge/Coach
- Medical Doctor
- Medical Illustrator
- Nutritional Consultant
- Nutritionist
- Optometrist
- Pharmacologist
- Pharmaceutical Representative
- Physical Therapist
- Physician Assistant
- Political Lobbyist
- Professor
- Public Outreach
- Race Track Publicist
- Radiologist
- Research Investigator
- Statistician
- Teacher
- Veterinary Technician
- Wildlife Biologist
- Writer/Journalist
- Zookeeper

Career Resources!

- Internship and Career Center
 - [Icc.ucdavis.edu](http://icc.ucdavis.edu)
 - Attend the job fairs – even if it's just to look around
 - Workshops – Hire Me! Academy
- Check with your advisor
 - Wildlife Career Night
 - Career Symposium
- Be open to start doing some of the leg work now
 - We are here to help you not to discourage you!

Questions?

