

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Application Procedure

1. How do I apply to the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM)?

- Prospective students of the College of Veterinary Medicine are required to utilize the on-line VMCAS application portal to apply for admission to the TUCVM. More information about the VMCAS application process can be found at: <http://www.aavmc.org/students-applicants-and-advisors/veterinary-medical-college-application-service.aspx>

a. Complete the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplemental Application

- The Tuskegee University Supplemental Application, in combination with the VMCAS Application is required for all applicants to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

b. Deadlines and Additional Information

- The deadline to submit VMCAS and Supplemental applications for admission to the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine is September 15.

2. What is the Application Fee? Where should I send the payment for the TUCVM Application?

- In conjunction with the application fee required by VMCAS, Tuskegee University requires a fee for the Supplemental Application. The Supplemental Application fee is \$100.00
- Payment of the Supplemental Application fee must be made in the form of **money order** or **cashier's check** payable to "Tuskegee University". Submit the payment to:
 - **Tuskegee University**
Office of Veterinary Admissions
College of Veterinary Medicine
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088
ATTN: James L. Perry
- Unfortunately, we currently **do not** accept credit card or online payment methods. Personal check payments will be returned to sender, delaying the application process.

Transcripts

1. Do I need a transcript from every college I've ever attended?

- **Yes**, including transcripts from any college courses taken while in high school. However, if your coursework from a previous institution is listed in full on the official transcript of another institution, that will also be accepted.

2. Where do I mail my transcripts?

- Official transcripts are required to be submitted to VMCAS before September 15th deadline. Visit AAVMC's website for more information.
- *All FINAL official transcripts are required to be submitted to TUCVM, NOT VMCAS by June 1st.
- **Tuskegee University**
Office of Veterinary Admissions
College of Veterinary Medicine
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088
ATTN: Jessica Stoneback

Pre-requisites

1. What are the pre-requisite courses?

- The TUCVM currently requires 67 credits of college coursework in order to be eligible for admission. A complete list of pre-requisites can be found on our website here:
- <http://www.tuskegee.edu/programs-courses/colleges-schools/cvm/cvm-course-requirements>
- Please note that the pre-requisite courses are listed, however many colleges and universities do not match up exactly with these classes. Should you have any questions regarding a class you are taking and whether or not it will fulfill a pre-requisite, please contact: Elwalid Suliman at 334-727-8954, or email: esuliman@tuskegee.edu
- For institutions that do not offer Intro Animal Science, a student can substitute the course with Animal Nutrition, Zoology, or Animal Physiology.
- For institutions that do not offer do not offer Biochemistry lab then the lab can be substituted with Organic Chemistry II lab.
- All prerequisites **MUST** be completed by June 1st prior to the Fall semester that the applicant is applying to enroll into.
- If you are not sure, please check with us. You do not want to be scrambling the summer before veterinary school trying to complete a pre-requisite you thought you had already finished.

2. Where should I take the prerequisite courses?

- You can take the prerequisite courses at any regionally accredited two-year or four-year college or university. Our admissions committee values course work completed at a university at a higher level than course work completed at a community college. Be advised that many of our students complete some of their course work at community college but we encourage upper level science courses to be completed at a major university.
- Please note that Animal Science, and Animal Nutrition courses must be completed at an accredited 4-year institution. (Correspondence or on-line courses can be accepted for these requirements.)

GRE Scores

1. What is your GRE school code?

- Tuskegee University GRE Code is 1813. Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Department Code is 0617. (If you are unable to find code 0617, try searching for “veterinary medicine” in the search field.) Both codes should be submitted in the request.
- For more information about the GRE, please visit the ETS site at: <http://www.ets.org/gre>.

2. When do you need to receive my GRE scores?

- Scores must be received by the Office of Veterinary Admissions by October 1st.
- The recommended last day to take the GRE is August 31. If you have a legitimate reason for needing an extension, please contact Elwalid Suliman, Administrative Support, at esuliman@tuskegee.edu.

3. Do the GRE expire?

- Yes, the GRE expires after 3 years.
- If the GRE is expired, the applicant will have to retake it.

4. Is there a minimum GRE score required?

- No, there is no minimum score, however to be competitive it is preferred to have a 285 and above.

Advance Placement (AP) and Courses Taken Abroad

1. Will you accept Advance Placement credit taken in high school?

- **Yes.** We will accept them as long as it's documented on an undergraduate transcript. However we may still require you to enroll in some college classes in the science area.

2. Can College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit be used to fulfill prerequisites?

- CLEP will be accepted based on the rules put forth by the Tuskegee University Registrar Office and TUCVM Admissions Committee. (Undergraduate Courses)

3. Will you accept credits from courses taken at foreign institutions?

- **Yes.** We will accept courses that have been transferred to a U.S. college and have been noted on a U.S. college transcript with a grade. All courses that are not included in a U.S. transcript must be evaluated by an education service in order for us to decide if it is acceptable.

Financial Aid

1. How much does Tuskegee University Veterinary College cost?

- Full-Time Tuition (12-19 hours) is \$20,585 per semester
- Each credit hour over 19 hours is \$1,125.00
- *Fees and Insurance are additional.

2. How do I pay for Veterinary school?

- It is possible for students to fund their entire education with federally insured Direct Loans. The primary financial aid instruments available to vet students are Direct Unsubsidized Loans and Direct PLUS Loans. You can find more information about these loan instruments here:
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans>.

3. Are there scholarships available at the TUCVM?

- **Yes.** A faculty committee awards the scholarships. There are a few scholarships that require an application, and almost all scholarships are reserved for enrolled students. (There are a small number of scholarships given to incoming freshmen based on residency and academic merit.)

Admissions Questions

3. Is there a minimum GPA or GRE requirement?

- **Yes.** The minimal cumulative GPA is a 3.0 and the science GPA accepted is 2.8. It's recommended that you have a GPA above 3.00 and that you have a GRE above 285 for a competitive application.

4. How much pre-vet experience should I have before I apply?

- The applicants should have a **minimum of 200 clinical hours** of experience working with licensed veterinarians, preferably in a clinical practice setting.
- All types of experience is accepted, including, but not limited to paid experience, volunteering, shadowing, etc.

5. How many references do I need to apply?

- The TUCVM requires three references. There are two faculty members recommendations (evaluation forms) required, and an additional reference from a veterinarian. These references are submitted to VMCAS and we no longer require them to be mailed to TUCVM.

6. Do I have to participate in an interview to be accepted to TUCVM?

- **Yes.** The final step in the TUCVM admissions process is a 45-50-minute interview conducted between January and February.

7. What undergraduate majors does the TUCVM prefer in the admissions process?

- The most common majors are: Biology, Pre-Med and Animal Science. That being said, the TUCVM does not have a preferred undergraduate major. The pre-requisite courses can be completed in any major.

8. How many seats for transfer students are available at TUCVM?

- Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine **does not** accept transfer applicants.

9. Do my courses ever expire?

- Yes. All science courses have an expiration date of 6 years unless the applicant is enrolled in a graduate program.

General Questions

1. If I am out of the country or otherwise unable to check the status of my application, can I have friends or family contact you?

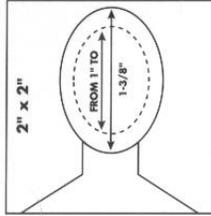
- **No.** Your application is confidential. We can only release the information to the applicant.

2. Who do I contact if I have other questions?

- You can call our office at 334-727-8460. The best way to reach us is by email.
- Please e-mail James L. Perry at jperry@tuskegee.edu.

3. Why a Passport Photo? How do I submit it?

- The Passport photo is required as official identification of an applicant for admissions into the TUCVM. Please use the format below for your passport photo
- A 2 x 2-inch frontal head shot photo with a white or off-white background.



- **Please note that Passport photo's can be taken at your local United States Postal Service (USPS), Wal-Mart, or CVS Pharmacy.
- **Do not** submit a photo with you and your favorite pet, selfies, boyfriend, relatives or with a background image of the Great China Wall.
- Please submit a digital passport photograph to esuliman@tuskegee.edu. If you cannot obtain a digital photocopy, please mail a hardcopy to:
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