Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS)

- Works like a “common app” for the majority of AVMA schools
- Portal opens for several months during the year, usually Spring/Summer months
- Many schools require supplemental applications and fees – please see individual school websites

Materials Needed for a Complete Application
- VMCAS online application
- Application fee (credit card only)
- Minimum of 3 recommendation letters
- Transcripts from each postsecondary college
- Official GRE score report

Application + Coursework
- Exempted Academic Courses
- Mandatory Academic Courses
- Character Limit

Address Information
- Name
- Current address
- Contact info
- Place and date of birth
- Ethnicity
- Citizenship
- State of legal residence
- US military service

Personal Data
- High school, year of graduation
- Professional and undergraduate enrollments
- Institutions attended
- Coursework
- Previous apps
- Test scores

Background Information
- Current student status
- Cumulative GPA
- Explain any interval >3 months when not enrolled as a student or employed
- Explain any administrative actions by university for unacceptable academic performance or conduct violation
- Explain convictions for felonies or misdemeanors

Explanation Statement
- Chance to mention or elaborate on unique circumstances, reasons for certain decisions, etc.
- Limited to 2000 characters

Coursework
- List each course only once and assign one VMCAS Pre-Req Code
- List planned courses if intending to complete a few prerequisites after submitting the application
- Individual schools will differ in course requirements and if they will credit a class – contact specific schools if you have a question

Experiences
- Veterinary
- Animal
- Employment
- Honors and Awards
- Community Activities

Academic History
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VMCAS 2016 Fees

Electronic Letter of Recommendation (eLOR)
- Submitted online, no character limit up to 5 MB
- Minimum of 3 eLORs required, 6 maximum
- Required recommenders vary by school, but can generally be fulfilled with a veterinarian, employer, and academic advisor/faculty member