

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Advisement Guide

The academic preparation for Veterinary School occurs at the undergraduate level. “Pre-Vet” is not a Bachelor’s Degree major but is instead a set of preparatory courses necessary for admission to veterinary school, to be completed in conjunction with the student’s undergraduate major. In California, there are currently two schools that offer a Veterinary program. For further information about specific course and test requirements, please see the websites listed below.

California Veterinary Medicine Programs

U.C. Davis: (www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu) See attached articulation agreement.

Western University of Health Sciences (www.westernu.edu/)

TYPICAL LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 1 year Biological Science (major-level, with lab, not Botany) (Western U wants Microbiology and a course in nutrition and strongly recommends Anatomy and Physiology) (UC Davis wants Bio 107 & 215)
- 1 year General Chemistry (with lab) (College Preparatory Chemistry is a prerequisite)
- 1 year Organic Chemistry (with lab)
- 1 year Physics (with lab)
- 3 semesters English Composition (at UC Davis, one course may be literature or speech) (Western U requires one course in composition, one course in technical writing, and one course in public speaking)
- 1 semester Statistics
- Additional units in Humanities/Social Sciences (Western U. requires a course in either Psychology or Sociology and a Macroeconomics course)

It is important that students meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan in conjunction with the requirements listed above and the transfer to a university to earn either the additional units or a Bachelor’s Degree.

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