# Pre-Veterinary Medicine

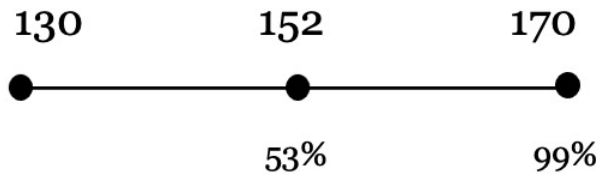## Competitive GPA: 3.5+

- BCP, Cumulative GPA - all attempts
- Avg accepted: 3.6
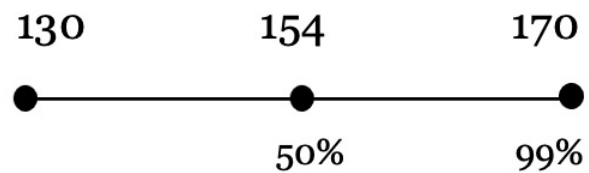
## Competitive GRE: 50% on each section

- Avg accepted: Verbal: 61%, Quant: 49%, Writing: 61%

- **Verbal Reasoning**

  130    152    170

  53%    99%

- **Quantitative Reasoning**

  130    154    170

  50%    99%

- **Analytical Writing** avg: 4.0

  0.0    4.0    6.0

  54%    99%

Total test time: 3 hours, 45 mins

## Preparing for the GRE

- Plan for **1-3 months** and **200-400 hours** of study
- Create a study schedule
- Content review + question practice + full length tests

## Free resources:

- 2 free practice tests
- Math review

**$ exam prep:**

ETS materials:

- Powerprep Plus, Official Guide to GRE book, practice questions, ScoreItNow

Kaplan, Magoosh, Manhattan Prep, Princeton Review

*GRE requirements can vary by program. It's important to check with the programs you plan to apply to.*

**Learn more about careers in veterinary medicine**
**Veterinary medical school directory**
**VMCAS:** *Veterinary Medical College Application Service*

### Applying to veterinary school is expensive...

*Apply for the Fee Assistance Program through VMCAS or the GRE*

| Item | Cost |
|---|---|
| Test registration | $205 |
| Test prep | $100-1,500+ |
| Application (1 school) | $220 |
| Additional schools | $120 |
| Secondary applications | $50-100 |
| Interview costs | $100-1000+ |
| **Total cost** | **$1,000-10,000+** |

# Experiences

- Animal experience
  - 4-H animal projects
  - Livestock farms
  - Humane societies
  - Zoos
  - Kennel work
  - Racetracks
- Veterinary clinical experience
  - Shadowing

- Community service
- Research
- Leadership and teamwork
- Extra-curricular involvement
- Strong communication skills

*Some schools may have hour requirements for animal experiences*

## A well-rounded application shows…



- Ability to communicate effectively on the application and in an interview
- Background, strengths, and what makes you unique
- Passion and fit for the dental profession
- Ability to do the academic work

# Timeline

**January-July:** Take GRE

**January:** Application opens

**May:** Begin submitting applications

**Verification:** 4-6 weeks after submission
After application is verified, it is released to schools. Some schools will have secondary or supplemental applications.

**September 15:** Application deadline

**October-March:** Schools review, select candidates to interview, and release decisions

**July/August:** Veterinary school begins

- The earliest you can apply for veterinary school is the summer after junior year. Many applicants choose to take a gap year(s) and will delay applying until the summer after senior year or even the year after graduation.

# Parts of the Application

- Biographical information
  - Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement (Essay)
  - Experiences (Resume)
  - School Selection