

Veterinary Medicine Admissions: 2016 entry

Students should always check current requirements before submitting an application

Eight universities offer the veterinary medicine course D100; all have similar academic requirements. It is important that students look carefully at the course, the teaching style, the applicant numbers and the non-academic entry requirements, before applying. They should also visit veterinary schools on their open days. Most courses demand high grades in Chemistry and Biology, with some accepting Physics or Maths as one alternative subject. Courses do not generally accept General Studies or Critical Thinking as a third subject; some have very specific GCSE requirements.

Cambridge and RVC require students to sit the BMAT test: <http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat/about-bmat/>

Work experience is essential for the majority of courses- some institutions are much more specific than others about what they require and the evidence they need, see the separate Inspiring Futures researched document, "Veterinary Science Work Experience Requirements – August 2015".

There are no degrees in Veterinary Medicine in Wales or Northern Ireland.

A booklet entitled, "Veterinary Science...for all - Walks of Life", can be obtained from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or by going to Walks of Life website at www.walksoflife.org.uk where you can see a digital version of the booklet. See the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons website for career information: <http://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/i-want-to-be-a-vet/#unient> Short video clips from vets in practice can be viewed at www.youtube.com/vetcareers

Trotman produce a very useful little book called, "Getting into Veterinary School" ISBN 978-1-909319-57-8.

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University	Subject requirements	A level	IB	Scottish Highers	BTEC
Bristol http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/2016/vet-science/bvsc-veterinary-science/ 8 weeks work experience required.	Subjects required at GCSE or equivalent: grade B or above in English Language and two sciences; and grade A in Mathematics if Mathematics or Physics not offered at grade A at A-level or AS-level. A minimum of six A grades would normally be expected.	AAA Including Chemistry and Biology.	36 points overall to include 18 points at Higher Level with 6 in Chemistry and 6 in Biology at Higher Level	SH: AAAAB and AH: AA in Chemistry and Biology.	DDD in Science including Distinction in science units, plus grade A in A-level Chemistry.

<p>Cambridge</p> <p>http://www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/vetmed/index.php</p> <p>BMAT</p> <p>Work experience is not a requirement for applicants, but some experience is useful in order to understand the profession and what is required of its members.</p> <p>In 2014 5 applications per place – 70 places</p>	<p>Most applicants for Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge have at least three science/mathematics A Levels and some Colleges require this and/or ask for particular A Level subject(s). See individual College websites for details.</p>	<p>A*A*A Applicants must have AS or A Level passes in Chemistry and two of Biology/Human Biology, Physics, Mathematics.</p> <p>GCSE Grade C or above in GCSE (or equivalent) Double Award Science and Mathematics Two single awards in GCSE Biology and Physics may be substituted for Double Award Science</p>	<p>40-41 points With 7,7,6 at Higher Level.</p> <p>Standard Level subjects will satisfy AS Level subject requirements, and Higher Level subjects will satisfy A Level subject requirements.</p>	<p>AAA At Advanced Higher Grade.</p>	<p>VCE A Levels, Applied A Levels, GNVQs and BTECs do not provide an appropriate preparation for most Cambridge courses.</p> <p>However, if the 'essential' and 'highly desirable' subjects are covered, a six unit VCE or Applied A Level could be taken instead of a third A Level or as an additional fourth broadening subject. This combination of A Levels and VCE or other qualifications may be acceptable for some courses.</p>
<p>Edinburgh</p> <p>http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/degrees?action=programme&code=D100&cw_xml=index.php</p>	<p>If Physics has not previously been studied to Standard Grade or Higher level, it should be studied in sixth year to either Standard Grade, Intermediate 2 or Higher level.</p> <p>If Physics has not been</p>	<p>AAA in Chemistry, Biology and one other subject approved for entry to the veterinary degree programme.</p> <p>see list of approved subjects</p>	<p>38 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Higher level in Chemistry, Biology and either Maths or Physics •766 or better in all higher level subjects with 7 in Chemistry. 	<p>•AAAAB. Five Highers including Chemistry (A), Biology (A) and either Mathematics or Physics to be achieved by the end of S5. If Biology has not</p>	<p>Not accepted on its own.</p>

<p>No additional entrance test</p> <p>See: work experience requirements</p>	<p>studied to A level, a good pass at GCSE is required.</p> <p>If Physics does not form part of the IB Diploma, candidates must also provide evidence of a qualification at a minimum SQA standard Grade 2 or GCSE Grade B or equivalent in this subject</p>		<p>•Where Higher level Maths or Physics is not possible, another subject at Higher level may be accepted, subject to approval. In this case, you will also need 6 at Standard level in Maths or Physics.</p>	<p>been studied in S5, it should be taken in S6 to Higher level.</p> <p>•BB at Advanced Higher in Chemistry and another science subject.</p> <p>•If possible Advanced Higher Biology, as this will be beneficial for the first year of the course.</p>	
<p>Edinburgh</p> <p>4-year Graduate Entry Programme (GEP): UCAS Code: D102</p> <p>http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet/studying/uk-eu-graduates/entry-requirements</p> <p>*Look at the fees*</p>	<p>You will need a minimum of a 2:1 honours degree or equivalent, normally in a Biological or Animal Science subject.</p> <p>For UK applicants, the only minimum entry requirement at Standard Grade or GCSE is in English. You will need Standard Grade 3 or GCSE C grade. You are not required to submit any supplemental application or sit any additional entrance test.</p>				
<p>Glasgow</p>	<p>A GCSE pass in English at Grade B is required.</p>	<p>A*AA Must include</p>	<p>38 points Must include</p>	<p>AAAAB (Including</p>	<p>Not accepted on its own.</p>

<p>http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/veterinarymedicine/</p> <p>2 weeks minimum work experience, prefer 6 weeks with a mixture of animals.</p>	<p>Applicants must have English at either Standard Grade 2, or an Intermediate 2</p>	<p>Chemistry and Biology and a third subject which is preferably a science subject. Art, Drama, General Studies, Home Economics, Music or PE are not acceptable as a third subject.</p>	<p>Chemistry HL6 and Biology HL6 and either Maths or Physics at SL. A minimum of 6 points in English at Standard Level is also required.</p>	<p>Chemistry and Biology) by the end of S5 AND Advanced Highers in Chemistry and Biology from S6 (both at Grade B minimum).</p>	
<p>Liverpool</p> <p>https://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/veterinary-science-bvsc/entry-requirements/</p> <p>10 weeks work experience required</p>	<p>GCSE: A minimum of 10 points at GCSE (where A*/A = 2 points, B = 1 point, C = 0 points) in at least 7 different subjects, to include a minimum of grade B in English, Mathematics and Physics (or dual science including Physics)..</p>	<p>AAA</p> <p>To include Biology and Chemistry. If Chemistry is not offered at A2-level, it must be offered at AS-level (grade B), but applicants must offer another academic science-related subject at A-level (e.g. Physics, Mathematics, Geography, Geology, Psychology).</p>	<p>36 points</p> <p>To include, Grade 6 at Higher Level Biology, Grade 6 at Higher Level Chemistry, Grade 6 at Higher Level in any other subject.</p>	<p>Not accepted without Advanced Highers. Grade A in Biology at Advanced Higher, Grade A in Chemistry at Advance Higher, Grade A in one other Advanced Higher or Grades AAB in 3 other subjects at Higher Level.</p>	<p>Edexcel Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management with DDD overall plus an AS level grade B in Chemistry.</p>
<p>Nottingham</p> <p>http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/courses/veterinarymedicineandscience/veterinary-medicine-surgery.aspx</p> <p>Following receipt of the UCAS form, applicants</p>	<p>Minimum of five grade As at GCSE to include chemistry, biology and physics (or double science), minimum of grade B in maths and English language; grade A at AS level for biology, chemistry and physics can compensate for achieving grade B at GCSE</p>	<p>AAB</p> <p>Grade A in chemistry and biology (or human biology) and grade B in a third subject (excluding general studies and critical thinking) at A2 level.</p>	<p>34 points (6 in HL Biology and Chemistry with 5 in a third HL subject).</p>	<p>Minimum of grades AA in Advanced Higher in Biology and Chemistry; minimum of grades AABBB at Higher level in any order, to include Science, Maths and English Language</p>	<p>Not accepted – students should apply for the Preliminary Year course.</p>

<p>are requested to complete an on-line questionnaire in order to supply Further Information.</p> <p>minimum of 6 weeks work experience required</p>	<p>minimum of five grade 1s in Scottish Standards to include chemistry, biology and physics, grade 2 in maths and English language; biology, chemistry and physics at grade A at Scottish Highers can compensate for achieving a grade two in Scottish Standards.</p>				
<p>Nottingham</p> <p>The Preliminary Year course UCAS Code: D104</p> <p>http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/courses/veterinarymedicineandscience/veterinary-medicine-surgery-preliminary-year.aspx</p> <p>25 places</p>	<p>This course is designed for able students who do not have the required science qualifications for direct entry into year one of the five-year programmes.</p> <p>Six year course.</p> <p>Minimum of five grade As. Minimum of grade B in chemistry (or science double award), maths and English language.</p>	<p>AAB</p> <p>Minimum of grades AAB at A level in any subjects (to include at most one of Biology and Chemistry). Only one of Maths and Further Maths considered. General Studies and Critical Thinking are not accepted.</p>	<p>34 points</p> <p>With grades 6, 6, 5 in three subjects at Higher Level (to include at most one of Biology or Chemistry).</p>	<p>Minimum of grades AABBB at Higher Level in any order to include at most one of biology and chemistry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of grades AA in Advanced Highers to include at most one of biology and chemistry <p>See other Standard Grade requirements on the website.</p>	<p>DDD</p> <p>At BTEC Extended Diploma (subjects considered on an individual basis), with supporting level two and three qualifications as for A levels.</p>
<p>Nottingham</p> <p>The Gateway Year course</p>	<p>This course is designed to widen participation for students who may have lacked educational</p>	<p>BBC</p> <p>B in chemistry and biology and grade C in a third subject</p>	<p>28 points</p> <p>Minimum total score of 28 overall with grade 5 in Chemistry</p>	<p>Minimum of Grades BB in Advanced Highers, to include Biology</p>	<p>DMM</p> <p>At BTEC Extended Diploma (subjects considered on an</p>

<p>UCAS Code: D190</p> <p>http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/courses/veterinarymedicineandscience/veterinary-medicine-surgery-gateway-year.aspx</p> <p>5 places</p>	<p>opportunities or have disadvantaging circumstances. Years two to six follow the programme of the five-year BVM BVS with integrated BVMedSci course.</p> <p>Six year course.</p>	<p>(excluding general studies and critical thinking</p> <p>GCSEs: Minimum of five grade Bs to include Chemistry, Biology, Physics (or science double award), Maths and English.</p>	<p>and Biology and grade 4 in a further subject, all at Higher Level</p> <p>Plus a minimum of five grade B GCSEs to include Chemistry, Biology, Physics (or dual science), Maths and English Language.</p>	<p>and Chemistry.</p> <p>Minimum of Grades BBBCC Higher level, to include Biology and Chemistry.</p> <p>Minimum of 5 Grade 2s at Standard Level. Grade 2 in Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths and English.</p>	<p>individual basis), with supporting GCSE qualifications as detailed for A level applicants.</p>
<p>Royal Veterinary School, London:</p> <p>http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/bachelor-of-veterinary-medicine#panel-a-levels</p> <p>BMAT required</p> <p>Minimum of 4 weeks work experience required.</p>	<p>GCSEs: At least five A grades including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Science* award or Science & Additional Science at AA grades OR • an A in Biology and A in chemistry if taken as separate GCSEs <p>AND grade A or B in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Mathematics • Physics (if taken as a separate GCSE) 	<p>AAA/B</p> <p>Biology/Human Biology at grade A</p> <p>Chemistry at grade A</p> <p>One other subject of your choice (excluding General Studies) preferably at grade A (no lower than grade B).</p>	<p>7,6,6</p> <p>At HL to include Chemistry and Biology</p> <p>Any 3rd HL subject accepted.</p>	<p>Advanced Highers at grades AA or AB in: Biology and Chemistry.</p> <p>In addition to 5 Highers at AAAAB grades including: Biology and Chemistry and at least intermediate 2 or Standard Credit Grade 2 or National 5 grade in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics • English • Mathematic 	<p>DDD</p> <p>Check website for full list of acceptable BTECs and compulsory units.</p>

<p>Royal Veterinary School, London:</p> <p>Graduate Accelerated course</p> <p>http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/bvet-med-graduate-accelerated#tab-entry-requirements</p> <p>BMAT NOT required</p> <p>Minimum of 4 weeks work experience required.</p>	<p>An upper second class (2:1) honours degree (or higher) in an appropriate biological science subject (such as, but not exclusive to: Animal Science, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Bioveterinary Sciences, Physiology, Veterinary Nursing, Veterinary Sciences, Zoology.)</p>	<p>Applicants should note there are no specific A-Level requirements for this programme; however, on entry to the course, successful applicants will be studying alongside students who typically have Biology and Chemistry at A-Level (or equivalent) and an understanding of topics covered in these qualifications may be expected at points in the course.</p>	<p>Applicants are expected to have grades C or above in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language • Mathematics 		
<p>Royal Veterinary School, London:</p> <p>Gateway programme</p> <p>http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/veterinary-gateway#tab-entry-requirements</p> <p>Although we don't require applicants to have any work experience it is desirable. If you can get work experience try to get it both in veterinary</p>	<p>The Veterinary Gateway programme is a targeted widening participation initiative designed to increase accessibility to veterinary degree courses for those prospective students who might not otherwise meet the normal entry criteria.</p> <p>See website for additional eligibility criteria which must be met.</p>	<p>CCC predicted Biology (or Human Biology) and Chemistry at C grade or above plus one other subject of your choice (excluding 'General Studies').</p>	<p>5,5,5 At Higher Level including Biology and Chemistry.</p>	<p>CC Advanced Highers with grade C or above in Biology and Chemistry plus 5 Highers at grade C or above including: Biology and Chemistry plus minimum of Intermediate 2 or Standard Credit Grade 2 or or National 5 grade B in: English, Mathematics and</p>	<p>DDM (Distinction, Distinction, Merit) is required overall, and with Distinction in some optional units, see website.</p>

<p>practice and in other animal environments, in order to develop animal handling skills and obtain an insight into the work of veterinary surgeons.</p>				<p>Physics.</p>	
<p>Surrey http://www.surrey.ac.uk/undergraduate/veterinary-medicine-science At least 4 weeks work experience required.</p>	<p>GCSE: Minimum five subjects at grade A or above to include Chemistry, Biology and Physics (or double science). Mathematics and English Language required at a minimum of grade B.</p>	<p>AAA - AAB Chemistry and Biology required at grade A. We do not include General Studies or Critical Thinking in our offers.</p>	<p>To include at least three Higher Level subjects with a minimum score of 6 (including Biology and Chemistry).</p>	<p>AAA Advanced Highers to include Chemistry and Biology plus 5 Highers, minimum AAAAB. Minimum of 5 Standard Grade 1s to include the sciences and grade 2 or above in Maths and English.</p>	<p>DDD In Animal/Science related subject area, plus grade A at A-level Chemistry.</p>