

Pre-Health Professions at Truman State University

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Spotlight on Health Professions: Veterinarian

What is a Veterinarian?

While a veterinarian generally focuses on the health and well-being of animals, human health and well-being is also a factor in many cases. Veterinarians diagnose & treat animals as well as consider the health of animals in the environment and in groups.

How do you become a Veterinarian?

After completing the pre-requisites for veterinary school (some schools do not require a bachelor's degree), you attend veterinary school for approximately 4 years to receive your DVM or VMD. Most programs include 3 years of classroom work and 1 year of clinical work.

What is required to go to Veterinary school?

These are the Truman equivalent of the general requirements to go to Veterinary school:

- 10 hours of Biology, including:
 - BIOL 107 & 108, BIOL 200
 - Suggested: BIOL 300 or 321, BIOL 304, BIOL 309, BIOL 302 or AGSC 320
- CHEM 130 & 131
- [CHEM 329 & 331, 330/332 or 333] or [CHEM 320] — depends on major
- CHEM 335
- PHYS 185 & 186 or 195 & 196

Individual veterinary schools have varying requirements. Click [here](#) for specific pre-requisites, based on school.

Where can I find more information?

- Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges ([AAVMC](#))
- American Veterinary Medical Association ([AVMA](#))
- American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association ([APVMA](#))

Important Dates & Deadlines

- **Tuesday, October 17th**—The last day to add a second block course.
- **Friday, October 27th**—The last day to drop a semester-long course (with a W on your transcript & a \$50 fee).



- * Pre-Chiropractic
- * Pre-Dental
- * Pre-Medical
- * Pre-Medical Technology
- * Pre-Occupational Therapy
- * Pre-Optometry
- * Pre-Pharmacy
- * Pre-Physical Therapy
- * Pre-Physician Assistant
- * Pre-Veterinary

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Upcoming Events

Featured Upcoming Events

Pharmacy School Fair (ONLINE) TODAY

Representatives from many pharmacy schools will be present for this FREE event. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).

Optometry School Fair (ONLINE) TODAY

Representatives from many optometry schools will be present for this FREE event. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunity: Project Homeless Connect on Friday, October 6th

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day shop for people who are homeless or at-risk in the Kirksville/Adair County area. There are a LOT of volunteer needs on the actual day of PHC. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).

ATSU Pre-Dental Day on Saturday, October 7th 1:00pm-3:00pm

Tour campus, get admission tips from faculty & students, and ask questions during the student discussion panel. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).

@Truman: Pre-Health Professions Presentation on Wednesday, October 11th 7-8pm in VH 1010

During this session you will learn the basics about pursuing a career in the health field! We will explore different health care careers, graduate school requirements, and build a four year and beyond plan to set you up for success! (**Pre-Health Freshman and Sophomores are strongly encouraged to attend this session**). To RSVP, click [here](#).

Health Professions Week (#HPW2017) is November 6th-10th

For ALL pre-health students: there are videos, virtual fairs, speakers, and more! There are some awesome events planned, but you need to register to get more information. For more information, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

Spring 2018 Courses to Consider

Have some space in your spring schedule? Looking for a course (or two) that would be beneficial to your future in health professions?

- **PHRE 350—Biomedical Ethics**

Survey of issues of biomedical ethics as presented in the papers of contemporary philosophers. Development of ability to defend, orally and in writing, a position on these issues. Knowledge of major ethical theories and development of the ability to apply them to issues of biomedical ethics. Topics covered include moral principles and ethical theories; abortion; treating or terminating: the problem of impaired infants; euthanasia; paternalism; truth telling and confidentiality; medical experimentation and informed medical consent; genetics; reproductive control; allocating scarce medical resources; and the claim to medical care.

- **HLTH 200—Medical Terminology**

Medical Terminology allows the student to develop mastery with terminology that is used in Allied Health occupations. In the process of developing mastery with medical terminology, a student has the opportunity to preview or review the fundamentals of anatomy, evaluate medical reports, and learn proper pronunciation of medical terms. The course is designed as a programmed learning and self-paced approach by body systems.

Did You Know?

We have overviews of all pre-health professions requirements & ideas on shadowing, volunteering, & research in Kirksville.

Visit <http://excellence.truman.edu/advising/pre-health-professions/> for more information!

We have a table with great information regarding pre-health professions, schools, admissions tests, and other pertinent information. We have test prep materials available for checkout.

The information table is located in the Kirk Building hallway, outside of the freshmen academic advising office (Kirk Building 107). To check out materials, contact [Brittany Harden](#) or make an appointment to meet with her.

We will have a table in the SUB on the first Thursday of each month from 10am-11am to answer any questions you might have.

We have an archive of all of the previous newsletters.

Click [here](#) for more information!

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For more information:
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Meet with a pre-health advisor or the pre-health coordinator:

If you are in your second year at Truman AND majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Exercise Science, or Health Science:

- You should meet with the designated pre-health advisor in your major. Depending on the department, some major advisors have a specific pre-health profession and some are versed in multiple pre-health professions.

If you are a first-year student OR a first-semester transfer OR are majoring in anything **other** than Biology, Chemistry, Exercise Science, or Health Science:

- You should meet with Brittany Harden to help guide your preparation for health professions school. You may call 660-785-7403 or stop by the advising reception desk in Kirk Building 107 (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm) to make an appointment.