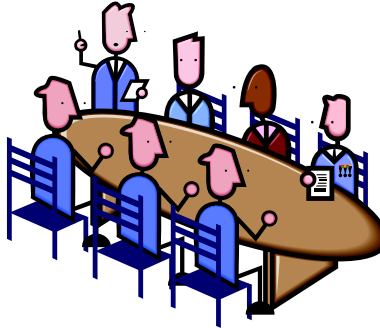


Admission Committee Expectations for Successfully Completed Applications



VMCAS Personal Statement: demonstrate competent written communication skills, display depth of thought regarding personal commitment to the profession, articulate a sense of your career focus, express experiential learning gained from veterinary, research and animal experiences. A suggested format may be as follows: a **brief** statement about who you are (grew up on a farm, lived in a city, raised horses, raised mice, etc.), a **brief** reflection about when, how and why you made your **adult decision** to be a veterinarian (when you finally realized this is a science based medical career that deals with animals), and a good overview of what you have learned about the profession from your various experiences (not skills like drawing blood, etc.) such as disease processes, surgical comparisons, similarities or differences between treatments/medications for different species, or results of research efforts. This essay is expected to be no more than a page and a half (single spaced) or so.

College Supplemental Essay: This essay is a response to a prompt paragraph/question. Again, the Committee expects to see competent written communication skills, depth of thought about the question, and clear articulation of your thinking. Be sure to read the prompt statement very carefully and respond completely to whatever question (or questions) are a part of the paragraph. You may need to employ some imagination in this effort or even to do some research prior to constructing your essay. You will be expected to demonstrate some knowledge about the field of veterinary medicine in a broad sense. This essay will be about three quarters of a page single spaced.