Pre-Requisite Coursework for Veterinary School

Although many premed/pre-health students major in biology, biochemistry, or chemistry, students can enter graduate programs in the health professions with any undergraduate major. Professional healthcare programs seek well-rounded students with a diversity of interests, leadership experiences, and intellectual curiosity.

Students who plan to pursue postgraduate work in the health professions will take required courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and psychology at Lewis & Clark. Many health-professional schools require advanced coursework in some of these areas as well. Many courses required for admission to health-professional schools are sequential, so good planning is key.

We have found that most veterinary schools require or recommend the below courses, however, *pre-requisites can vary from school* to school. It is a good idea to check directly with the schools you plan to apply to.

Pre-Requisite	LC Course
1-year of Introductory Biology w/ lab	BIO 202 : Biological Core Concepts: Mechanisms (Pre-req: Bio 110 and Chem 120) <i>and</i>
	BIO 311: Molecular Biology w/ lab (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 202, Chem 120, and Math 123, 131, 255 or CS 171. Recommended pre-req: Chem 220) <i>or</i>
	BIO 317: Invertebrate Zoology (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 201, and Bio 202) or
	BIO 353: Animal Behavior (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 201, Bio 202, Chem 120, and Math 123, 131, 255 or CS 171) <i>or</i>
	BIO 361: Cell Biology (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 201, Bio 202, Chem 120, and Math 123, 131, 255 or CS 171) <i>or</i>
	BIO 375: Physiology w/ lab (Pre-reqs: Bio 11, Bio 202, and Math 123, 131, CS 171, or Phys 141)
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	BIO 311: Molecular Biology w/ lab (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 202, Chem 120, and Math 123, 131, 255 or CS 171. Recommended pre-req: Chem 220)
	BIO 317: Invertebrate Zoology (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 201, and Bio 202)
	BIO 353: Animal Behavior (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 201, Bio 202, Chem 120, and Math 123, 131, 255 or CS 171)
	BIO 361: Cell Biology (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 201, Bio 202, Chem 120, and Math 123, 131, 255 or CS 171)
	BIO 375: Physiology w/ lab (Pre-reqs: Bio 11, Bio 202, and Math 123, 131, CS 171, or Phys 141)
	Immunology, Microbiology, or Virology: Offered through the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities. See your pre-health advisor for options.
1 semester Genetics	Bio 380 : Behavioral Genetics (Pre-reqs: Bio 110, Bio 202, Chem 120, and Math 123, 131, 255 or CS 171. Recommended pre-reqs: Bio 252, Bio 320, or Bio 361
1-year Introductory Chemistry w/ lab	CHEM 110: General Chemistry I (Pre-req: QR 101) and
	CHEM 120: General Chemistry II (Pre-req: Chem 110)

1-year Introductory Physics w/ lab	PHYS 141: Introductory General Physics I (Pre-req: Math 123 or Math 131) and
	PHYS 142 : Introductory General Physics II (Pre-req: Phys 141 or Phys 151, and Noth 121)
	Math 131)
1-year Organic Chemistry	CHEM 210: Organic Chemistry I (Pre-req: Chem 120) and
	CHEM 220: Organic Chemistry II (Pre-req: Chem 210)
1-year Biochemistry	CHEM 330 : Structural Biochemistry (Pre-req: Chem 220. Recommended pre-req: Bio 202)
	CHEM 335 : Metabolic Biochemistry (Pre-req: Chem 220. Recommended pre-req: Bio 202)
1 semester College Math	MATH 123: Calculus and Statistics for Modeling the Life Sciences (Pre-req: Math 115) or
	MATH 131: Calculus I (Pre-req: MATH 115)
1 semester Public Speaking	RHMS 210: Public Discourse (Pre-req: None)
1 semester English Composition	CORE 120: Words
2 years Humanities/Social Sciences	Options are plentiful, but it is strongly encouraged to take:
	PSY 100: Introduction to Psychology (Pre-req: None) or
	SOAN 100: Introduction to Sociology (Pre-req: None)