

# HOW DO I BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

1. Complete at least two years of an undergraduate degree.  
*Including eight required courses*  
*To explore how your Seneca diploma may pathway into a degree, please review the [Degree Transfer Guide](#).*
2. Complete a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).  
*Institutions that have veterinary colleges in Canada: University of Guelph, Université de Montréal, University of Prince Edward Island, University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Calgary.*
  - > Veterinary colleges in Canada have residency requirements that restrict applications to those who have been living in the province/region for at least 12 months prior to the application, excluding time spent in post-secondary education. There are accredited (by AVMA) veterinary colleges that are located outside of Canada that do not impose these residency requirements. If you attend an unaccredited veterinary college, you will have additional requirements to receive licensure from the College of Veterinarians of Ontario.
3. Receive licensure from the College of Veterinarians of Ontario.
  - Pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) within two attempts.
  - If you do not pass the NAVLE within two attempts, successful completion of the Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE) is required once the NAVLE is passed.
  - Pass the Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE), if required.
  - Pass the College of Veterinarians of Ontario Jurisprudence Examination.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Requirements vary by institution.** Common requirements:

- > At least two years of an undergraduate degree  
Courses required usually includes: biology with an emphasis on animal biology, genetics, statistics, biochemistry, humanities/social sciences. Check the requirements at each institution.
- > GPA of 3.3 (B+ or 75%) or higher *Note: Minimum GPA requirements vary and most applicants have GPAs that are significantly higher than the minimum.*
- > Animal experience and/or veterinary experience
- > Extracurricular experience
- > Referee assessments (including some from veterinarians)
- > Interview

**Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.**

*Note: Based on Ontario requirements.*

If you have more questions, book an appointment with a Pathways Advisor:

<https://seneca.mywconline.com>

*This tip sheet aims to ensure accuracy; however, it is your responsibility to confirm all requirements.*

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