



PRE-VETERINARY SCIENCES

To pursue graduate study in veterinary school, or in any of the health professions, you must have a strong undergraduate background in science. At Illinois Wesleyan, we'll provide you with this background, along with challenging course work in the liberal arts; close, personal instruction from a well-qualified faculty; and hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, our science faculty will give you the help and support you need to enter the professional program of your choice. Our pre-veterinary students have recently been accepted by institutions such as Colorado State, Tufts, University of Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

As is the case at most universities, you cannot major in pre-veterinary medicine at Illinois Wesleyan. Rather, you will major in biology while working to complete the courses required by the pre-veterinary program. These include the following laboratory courses: one year of biology, one year of physics, and two years of chemistry.

We stress active involvement in every aspect of your education: you will join frequent in-class discussions, work with top-quality scientific equipment in the labs, and may pursue independent research projects under the supervision of Ph.D. professors. Your curriculum will also include courses in liberal arts disciplines outside your major field, including ethics, literature, foreign language, and fine arts. Exposure to a breadth of disciplines outside the sciences will enable you to grasp the different ethical and moral perspectives a scientist needs.

For a practical introduction to the duties and demands of a veterinary career, you will work closely with a local veterinarian, often an Illinois Wesleyan alum. You'll follow your mentor throughout his or her workday and have the opportunity to observe everything from patient examinations to surgery.

PRE-VETERINARY ADVISING

As a student interested in veterinary sciences, you'll benefit from the services provided by Illinois Wesleyan's science faculty and from the Hart Career Center. In the Hart Career Center you'll find materials describing a range of programs and careers in the veterinary sciences; you will also find information on the registration dates for the GRE and VCAT. When applying to veterinary school, you will work with faculty members to obtain letters of recommendation, which will be sent to the admissions committees of your intended veterinary schools. As part of this process, you will be interviewed by the faculty members, and the letters of evaluation will incorporate interviewer comments and be personalized. Veterinary school admissions committees know and trust the letters that come from Illinois Wesleyan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the academic program and the faculty visit our Web site at:

<http://www2.iwu.edu/academics/departments>