DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

PA–VEAP

Production Animal – Veterinary Early Acceptance Program

The goal of the Production Animal – Veterinary Early Acceptance Program (PA – VEAP) is to recruit and retain future veterinarians practicing food animal medicine, primarily in underserved areas. This program is a partnership between the Department of Animal Science and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State. Eligible students are undergraduate entrants to Iowa State directly from high school, identified after completing their second semester.

PA–VEAP allows students with a food animal interest to:

- Apply for guaranteed admission into Iowa State's College of Veterinary Medicine upon successful completion of the program
- Gain additional food animal production experience through mentorships, internships, and additional industry opportunities

Eligibility - Applicants to the program must:

- **Be currently enrolled at Iowa State University majoring in Animal or Dairy Science through the Department of Animal Science.**
- **Be actively pursuing one of the following undergraduate certificates:**
  - Beef Cattle Production Management
  - Dairy Cattle Production Management
  - Poultry Production Management
  - Swine Production Management
- **Have completed or be currently enrolled in at least two of the following courses through Iowa State University:**
  - Chemistry: CHEM 1770/1770L, CHEM 1780/1780L, CHEM 3310/3310L
  - Biology: BIOL 2110/2110L, BIOL 2120/2120L, BIOL 3130, BIOL 3350, BIOL 3510
  - Microbiology: MICRO 3020/3020L
  - Physics: PHYS 1310/1310L, PHYS 2310/2310L
  - Animal Science & Genetics: AnS 2140/2140L, AnS 3510, GEN 3200
- **Have earned a minimum GPA of 3.4 in classes completed at ISU**

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How to Apply - Application Requirements:

→ **Cover Letter** → **Letters of Reference** → **Transcripts** → **Current Resume**

The application period for qualified candidates opens in May. See website for application details. Candidates will be notified if they are chosen for an in-person interview. Up to 10 applicants will be offered acceptance into the program.

Completing PA-VEAP

Once enrolled in the program, students will be assigned a program mentor from the Department of Animal Science and from the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine (VDPAM).

Qualifying Criteria for ISU CVM Admission via PA – VEAP:

→ **Complete all prerequisite courses for admission to the ISU CVM.**
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits/year with no lapse in enrollment (summer semester not included) while at ISU.
- Earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for ISU CVM admission (pre-vet requirements).

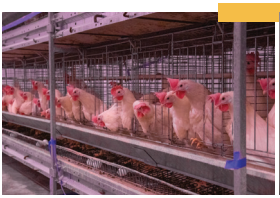
→ **Maintain a 3.4 cumulative GPA throughout the program.**

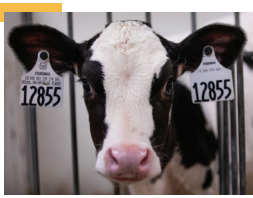
→ **Complete a 300 level or higher anatomy and physiology course or a similar course pre-approved by PA – VEAP mentor**

→ **Complete a minimum of 300 hours of approved food animal experiences selected with the assistance of program advisors.**









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