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**REQUEST TO AMEND IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Actions Requested:**

1. Consider approval of the Board Office recommendation to update admission rules for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.
2. Consider authorizing the filing of a Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, "Supplemental Specific Rules for Each Institution," of the Iowa Administrative Code as described in Attachment A.<sup>1</sup>

**Executive Summary:** The Iowa Administrative Code which describes the admission rules for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University has not been changed since 1979. The purpose of the amendment is to align the administrative code language with the current admission process in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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<sup>1</sup> Additions are represented by underlinings and deletions are represented by strikeouts.

**681—2.26(262) College of veterinary medicine.**

Item 1. Rescind subrule 2.26(1) and adopt the following **new** subrule.

~~**2.26(1) Admission.** Applicants for admission to the college of veterinary medicine for fall quarter 1980 and thereafter must have attended a regionally accredited college or university and: (1) received the bachelor's degree, or (2) completed 144 quarter (96 semester) credits in a declared major towards a bachelor's degree.~~

~~The specific college credits will be prescribed by the faculty of the college.~~

~~Credits in the specified courses will normally be earned on the traditional four-letter grading system, with "A" as the highest grade and "D" as the lowest passing grade. However, credits earned by the credit-by-examination program in accordance with the regulations relating to this procedure at Iowa State University are also acceptable. Credits in the preceding specified courses will not be accepted if earned under the pass-not pass grading system or similar options. All students must have completed at least 90 quarter (60 semester) credits prior to filing an application for admission to the college of veterinary medicine~~

~~Introduction. The basic admissions requirements of the college of veterinary medicine are included in this rule. For the most current information regarding applications and admission to the college of veterinary medicine, please refer to the college of veterinary medicine website at [www.vetmed.iastate.edu](http://www.vetmed.iastate.edu).~~

Item 2. Rescind subrule 2.26(2) and adopt the following **new** subrule.

~~**2.26(2) Applications.** Completed applications with supporting transcripts must be received by the Iowa State University director of admission (Room 7, Beardshear Hall) by December 15 of the year prior to the year in which the applicant seeks to be admitted. Transcripts of all college credits must accompany the application. All preveterinary requirements must be fulfilled by the time of filing or scheduled for completion by June 15 of the year in which the applicant seeks to be admitted. A list of courses in progress at the time of filing or scheduled for completion by June 15 should accompany the application and transcripts. Preprofessional college credits must average at least 2.50 on a 4.0 marking system for the application to be accepted. The preceding scholastic requirements are minimum requirements and do not ensure admission, even though the requirements have been fulfilled.~~

~~Admission to the college of veterinary medicine is on a competitive and selective basis. Scholastic performance in preprofessional courses, aptitude, and personal development are given consideration in the selection of candidates. Since a solid foundation in the sciences is basic to success in veterinary medicine, considerable attention is given in the admission process to applicants' grades in those areas. Consideration for admission to the college of veterinary medicine is administered equally to all without regard to race, color, creed, sex, national origin, disability, or age. Admission is granted annually at the beginning of the fall quarter only, with enrollment limited to 120 students per class.~~

~~In considering applicants for admission to the college of veterinary medicine, preference is given to residents of Iowa and certified residents of states having contracts with Iowa State University for educating veterinary medical students.~~

Academic requirements. Applicants for admission to the college of veterinary medicine must demonstrate that they have accomplished the following minimum academic requirements:

- a. Earned at least sixty semester credits from accredited colleges or universities by the end of the spring term of the year in which the applicant seeks to be admitted.
- b. Completed the prerequisite coursework as determined by the faculty of the college of veterinary medicine by the deadlines determined by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine.
- c. Attained an undergraduate cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale.
- d. Taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Item 3. Amend rule 681—2.26(262) by adopting a **new** subrule as follows:

**2.26(3) Application process.** All inquiries regarding admission to the college of veterinary medicine should be directed to the coordinator of admissions, college of veterinary medicine, Iowa State University of Science and Technology. The application process includes:

- a. Applicants must apply using the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) application (see [www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org)).
- b. In addition to the VMCAS application, applicants must complete any additional supplemental application as required by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine.
- c. Transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended must be submitted to the coordinator of admissions, college of veterinary medicine, Iowa State University of Science and Technology.
- d. A personal interview is required of all applicants.
- e. Payment of the application fee approved by the Board of Regents under 681 IAC 1.7(262).
- f. All application materials must be submitted by the deadlines determined annually by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine.

Item 4. Amend rule 681—2.26(262) by adopting a **new** subrule as follows:

**2.26(4) Admission Criteria.** Admission to the college of veterinary medicine is on a competitive and selective basis. The selection criteria shall be established by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine. These criteria may include review by the admissions committee of an applicant's GPA, GRE, coursework rigor, personal statement, animal, veterinary and general work experiences, recommendations and a required personal interview. Completing the minimum academic requirements does not assure admission. From the applicants meeting the minimum academic requirements, the admission committee will select the applicants who in the judgment of the committee appear to be best qualified for the study and practice of veterinary medicine.