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Is Equine Preveterinary Medicine / Pregraduate Studies a good fit for you?

- No equine experience? – No problem!
- Only interested in small animals? – No problem! The hands-on experience at Otterbein will take you farther than you ever imagined and is applicable across species.
- Experienced with horses? – Great! There's always more to learn.

Sheri Birmingham, DVM – Chair of the Department of Equine Science and The Preveterinary Program Adviser shares more reasons to choose the Equine Pre-veterinary Medicine / Pre-graduate Studies major.

Prospective Students:

The Equine pre-vet program is simply a pre-vet program with additional large animal experience. Going through the EPRE major doesn't reflect what species you'd like to focus on as a career, but rather provides a variety of unique hands-on veterinary related experiences.

Honestly, from an objective standpoint, having been through veterinary school myself, I encourage anyone interested in veterinary medicine to go through the Equine Pre-vet major for the following reasons.

- It is not limiting at all. If anything, you have a significantly increased number of large animal hands on experience, which is mandatory for vet school application. We assist you in organizing internships in a variety of species, including small animal, food animal, Equine, exotics, etc.

-The amount of hands-on veterinary medical experience you receive through the major is exceptional. From learning complete physical exams, neurological examinations, lameness examinations, venipuncture, intramuscular injections, ophthalmic exams, etc. to cadaver dissection, you are immersed in an intensive experiential program where the skills you learn *will transfer across species*. You will be ahead of your classmates in veterinary school when it comes to dissection and applications, as you will have done those things in our undergraduate program, whereas many of your classmates will be learning those techniques for the first time.

-You will learn proper and safe large animal handling skills. In veterinary school, a common complaint from clinical faculty is the lack of large animal handling skills of the majority of veterinary students. The skills you learn in the Equine Pre-vet major will build a solid foundation for you to handle all large animals, including horses, cows, llamas, etc. all of which you will be exposed to in veterinary school.

-Our Systems courses focus on physiology and pathophysiology of various veterinary disease processes in the horse, but *transfer across a variety of species*, which is again applicable throughout veterinary school.

These are just a few reasons that come to mind, however, there are more. I would be happy to speak with you again if you find that you have more questions!

Again, we're so happy you are considering Otterbein. I sincerely hope that you consider the Equine Pre-vet major, as I truly think you will be happy in the program.

Sincerely,

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