

2025 Pre-Vet Experience Day – February 15th 2025

The Thoroughbred Center, Lexington, KY

Schedule of Events

Registration 7:00-8:00 am

Horseman's.Lounge

Welcome / Introduction 8:00-8:10 am

Pavilion

Session I 8:15-8:50 am

Option A (early pathway students)
Stableview.Hall
Introduction to pre-veterinary medicine:
Planning and Preparation
Dr. Amanda Falk, Centre College

Option B (advanced pathway students)
Pavilion
VMCAS overview:
Format, timing and more
**Drs Andrea Sexten and Jessica Kenealy,
Eastern Kentucky University**

Session II 9:00-9:35 am

Option A (early pathway students)
Stableview.Hall
Overview of veterinary schools:
Accreditation, formats, and new programs
Colette Tebeau, University of Kentucky

Option B (advanced pathway students)
Pavilion
Application and beyond:
Interviews, essays, and changing requirements
Dr. Amber McNamara, University of Kentucky

Session III 9:45-10:20 am

Career Options in Veterinary Medicine

Pavilion

Dr. Amber McNamara, University of Kentucky

Break 10:20-10:40 am

Stableview.Hall

Session IV 10:40-11:30 am

Apply Smarter to Veterinary School

Pavilion

Dr. Rebecca Mears, Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Foundation

Session V

11:40 am-12:30 pm

Veterinarian Insight Panel: Challenges & Adaptations in Veterinary Medicine

Pavilion

.....Moderator¿

Sarah Coleman, Kentucky Horse Council

.....Panelists¿

Dr. Kasey Holbert, Veterinary Pathology Resident, UKVDL

Dr. Katie Jackson, Central Kentucky Small Ruminant Veterinary Services

Dr. Zach Jolly, Bellaire Animal Medical Center

Dr. John Park, Park Equine Hospital

Dr. Jennifer Reese Way, USDA-APHIS Veterinary Service

Networking Lunch

12:30-2:00 pm

Stableview.Hall

Focus site visits

Report to focus site at 2:30 pm

Students choose 1 of 6 options:

- Private Equine Focus – Park Equine Hospital
- Private Small Animal Focus– Richmond Road Veterinary Clinic
- Private Mixed Animal Focus – Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic
- Corporate Large Animal/Livestock Focus – Bluegrass Stockyards
- Government, Regulatory and Research Focus- UK Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
- Practical Wildlife Focus – Wildlife veterinarians hosted by The Thoroughbred Center