



# College of Veterinary Medicine



**Tuskegee University**





FREDERICK D. WASHINGTON  
1855 - 1915  
LIFTED THE VEIL OF IGNORANCE  
FROM THE PEOPLE AND POINTED  
THE WAY TO PROGRESS THROUGH  
EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY

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### Admission into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program:

The criteria for admission into Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine is determined and reviewed periodically by the Dean and the Faculty Committee on Veterinary Admissions. Applicants are evaluated on their academic performance, their understanding of the veterinary medical profession, their achievements, and their professional potential. The College complies with all Federal and State statues regarding nondiscrimination.

“Pre-Veterinary Medicine” is not a major in college. It is a career track that students may choose within an academic department. “Pre-Veterinary” students may select any major as long as they meet the pre-professional courses required for the veterinary program. The most popular majors for veterinary students traditionally have been Animal Science, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Marine Biology, Microbiology, Poultry Science and Zoology. Candidates for veterinary medicine should pursue a baccalaureate degree and meet all of the requirements of their educational program. An undergraduate degree is not required for admission; however, applicants must complete all required prerequisite courses to meet the academic requirements to obtain consideration for admissions into veterinary school.



**VMCAS** The Association of American Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) processes Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine applications. All applicants are required to apply online through VMCAS.

Contact VMCAS Office directly to obtain approval for hardship waiver through their office. Contact information 877-862-2740. Fax: 202-682-1122

### Eligibility:

Candidates will be considered academically qualified for admission if they meet the minimum standards that are listed below:

- Obtain a minimum cumulative (3.0) and science (2.8) grade point average (on 4.0 scale)
- Be in good academic standing at the time of application submission
- Take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within three (3) years of application submission

**Applicants must complete ALL prerequisite courses by the spring semester preceding matriculation. All FINAL official transcripts are required to be submitted to TUCVM, NOT VMCAS by June 1st .**

All applicants must submit completed application by the September 15th deadline:

- ◇ VMCAS Application
- ◇ TUCVM Supplemental Application
- ◇ Official Academic Transcripts
- ◇ GRE Test Score
- ◇ Tuskegee University’s confidential CVM evaluations

### Code of Student Conduct:

Tuskegee University is committed to academic integrity, and all students are required to adhere to Tuskegee University’s Code of Student Conduct.

## Prerequisite Course Requirements

Admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine is competitive. Admission is based on undergraduate academic performance, test scores, knowledge of the profession, recommendations, animal exposure, leadership ability, communication and interpersonal skills.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the prerequisite requirements at fully regionally accredited four-year institutions. A grade of “C” or better must be earned in all prerequisite course work. Below are the Academic Prerequisite Course Requirements for Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Academic Courses	Hours
English or Written Composition	6
Humanities and Social Studies (History, Economics, Psychology and Sociology)	6
Liberal Arts (Arts, Any Language, Music and others)	6
Mathematics (Algebra, Calculus, Statistics, or Trigonometry)	6
Medical Terminology	1
Advanced Biology Courses (300 Level & Above) (Anatomy, Biology, Immunology, Microbiology, Physiology, or Zoology)	9
Biochemistry with Lab	4
Chemistry with Lab	4
Organic Chemistry with Lab	4
Physics I and Physics II with Labs	8
Electives (Genetics, Marine Biology, or other Advance Biology or Science classes)	8
Introduction to Animal Science	3
Physical Education (If no B.S.)	2
<b>Total Semester Courses</b>	<b>67</b>

## Admissions Prerequisite Course Reminders

Applicants are required to complete a minimum of 200 clinical contact hours with a licensed veterinarian.

If you attend a college that does not offer animal science courses, you may want to consider taking the courses via distance learning, such as correspondence or Internet courses. We recommend you contact Murray State University in Kentucky, Oklahoma State University, North Carolina State University, or Purdue University.

We also recommend you check community colleges in your state; some may offer Animal Science programs.



## TUCVM Transfer Policy

Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine has a Non---Transfer Policy with other Veterinary Schools.





Dr. Frederick D. Patterson

## Pride, Passion & Legacy

Dr. Fredrick D. Patterson became the third President of Tuskegee University in 1935. He is responsible for the training facilities of Tuskegee Airman in Alabama. He also established the Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine and first Nursing Program in the state of Alabama. He was the founder the United Negro College Fund. He assisted in the integration of the American Red Cross. In 1987, he was awarded the United States Presidential Medal of Freedom.

We are committed to providing a clear and renewed vision and determination consistent with the historic legacy of Tuskegee. We will indeed prepare veterinary students for global service for the new millennium.

**The Legacy of Tuskegee University College Of Veterinary Medicine:** Is a tribute to the men and women not afforded the opportunity to become veterinarians.

Tuskegee University's College of Veterinary Medicine produces more than 70 percent of African-American veterinarians in the United States. Despite the modest percentage of African-Americans in veterinary medicine nationwide, Tuskegee University's College of Veterinary Medicine continues to recruit, retain, and graduate an unequivocal percentage of the nation's practicing African-American veterinarians and 10% of Latin veterinary practitioners.

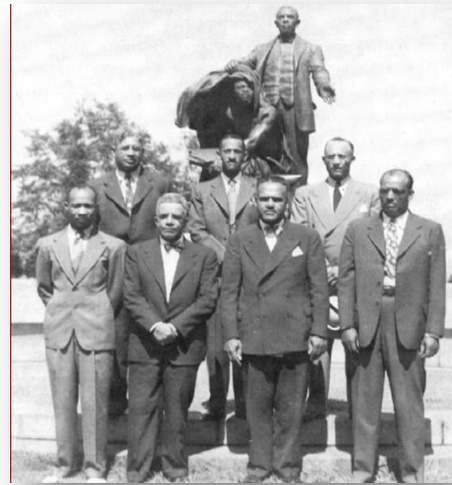
In addition to Black students, Tuskegee's Veterinary School enrolls Asian American students, Native American students, white students and international students. Indeed, Tuskegee's College of Veterinary Medicine seeks not only to increase the African-American presence in this field, but also to diversify the field across ethnicities.

**Tuskegee University Graduates:** Our graduates have helped to forge a pathway for future graduates to have opportunities for careers, internships, preceptorships, and residences. They stand ready and willing to network with our veterinary students and to assist in their career development in veterinary medicine.

*Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine is an incredible story. It is now time to remember these visionaries and celebrate their dedication to providing a "Hands-On" academic center for learning, and compassionate health care towards the well-being of animals and people."*



The Tuskegee Airmen



The First Tuskegee Veterinary School Faculty Members



Veterinary Class 1945. The inaugural class of 13 African-American students—including Alfreda Webb, the nation's first black female DVM veterinarian.

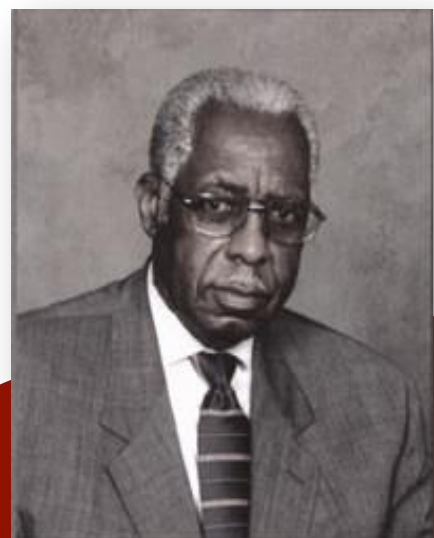
### Mini-Profile of Saul T. Wilson Jr.

Dr. Wilson dedicated his professional career to public veterinary medicine. First within APHIS and then at Tuskegee University after he retired in 1989.

During his Federal career, he made outstanding contributions to the health of the Nation's livestock and poultry industries. He also played an essential role in eradicating foot-and-mouth disease from Mexico in the 1950s, helping protect our country against reinfection from this devastating animal disease. He made a long-lasting impact on APHIS and the field of public veterinary medicine. Today, his actions inspire veterinary students to practice public veterinary medicine.

**The Saul T. Wilson, Jr. Scholarship Program in Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences-USDA**

The USDA Pathways Program offers different “pathway” opportunities for students and recent graduates to work in agriculture, science, technology, math, environment, management, business, and many other fields. One of these pathways is the USDA Internship Program, which provides paid work experiences for students. Many veterinary students participate in this program. The offering of the Saul T. Wilson, Jr. Internship helps ensure a steady stream of talented veterinarians for the USDA in the future.



Dr. Saul T. Wilson worked at USDA-





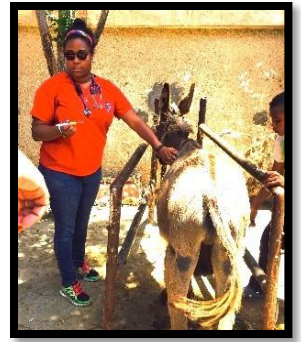
## Tuskegee University Summer International Research Internship Program

Tuskegee University College of Veterinary provides an opportunity for our DVM students to be introduced into the international world of veterinary medicine.

Acceptance into the Summer International Research Internship Program is very competitive. The program enables students to develop scientific knowledge and investigation skills in comparative medicine to find medical solutions for world health problems. The students attend seminars, participate in and conduct research projects, and developed relationships with international faculty members.

The students have visited Costa Rica, Egypt, Haiti, India, and Nairobi, Kenya.

For more information, contact Dr. Gopal Reddy at 334-727-4438.



Our students traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to participate in a wildlife internship with the African Conservation Experience Organization in South Africa to experience hands-on safety procures and treatments of wild animals.



Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine selects our students to obtain international insight into veterinary medicine around the world.

### TUCVM Christian Veterinary Fellowship

Experiences in Bolivia, South America



New friendships, exciting hands

### Tuskegee Student's Summer with WORLD VETS

Every year Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine students make their summer pilgrimage to the Republic of Nicaragua. Equipped with modern equipment such as gas anesthesia, central oxygen, pulse dosimeters and fluid pumps, this center is a year-round teaching facility that provides high quality instruction in surgical techniques and safe anesthesia. WORLD VETS is dedicated to training Latin American veterinarians and upper level veterinary students.



Dr. Ronald Hodges, at Valley Central Veterinary Emergency Center and other TUCVM Alumni Veterinary Clinics open their doors to TUCVM students.



### Tuskegee Alumni



**on medical experiences below the equator.**

# We invite you to pursue your dream of becoming a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) is the only veterinary medical professional program located on the campus of a historically black college or university (HBCU) in the United States.

Our students obtain admissions into our veterinary school from all over the world. The TUCVM has educated more than 70% of the nation's African-American veterinarians, and is recognized as the most diverse of all 30 schools/colleges of veterinary medicine in the U.S.



TUCVM Dean Ruby Perry and Associate Dean Roslyn Casimir pose with the future generation of Tuskegee trained Veterinarians.



TUCVM graduates



Professor instructs veterinary students using an Equine Colic Palpation Simulator.



Phillip Nelson, DVM, PhD is the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Western University of Health Science. Dr. Nelson received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1979 at Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine.



Ruby L. Perry, DVM, MS, DACVR is the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University. Dr. Perry received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1977 from the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine.



Willie M. Reed, DVM, PhD is the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University. Dr. Reed received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1978 from the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine.

## Graduate Studies in the College of Veterinary Medicine

Tuskegee University offers graduate programs pursuant to Masters and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. These programs are designed to prepare graduates for positions in research and teaching, primarily in medical sciences

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#### Masters of Science Programs and PhD Programs

Graduate Programs	Contact Person	Contact Information
Public Health	Atty. Crystal James	334-727-8966
Masters Veterinary Science	Dr. Gopal Reddy	334-727-8149
Integra3ve Bioscience Program	Dr. Delores Alexander	334-724-4550 334-552-0690
PhD Programs/ Interdisciplinary Pathobiology	Dr. Gopal Reddy	334-727-8149

#### Application Process

Application Fee: \$35.00

GRE Scores

Official Transcripts

Three Letters of Recommendation Statement of Educational Goals

For additional Admissions Requirements, application information, course work requirements and program descriptions visit: [www.tuskegee.edu/vetmed](http://www.tuskegee.edu/vetmed)





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We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Admissions and Recruitment process.

To schedule a visit, please contact:  
Office of Veterinary Admissions and Recruitment  
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Email: [vetadmissions@tuskegee.edu](mailto:vetadmissions@tuskegee.edu)



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