

Veterinary Medicine Updates – June 2006 NAAHP Annual Meeting

Application Year	2004	2005
# of applicants (VMCAS)	4453	4581
# of matriculants	2570	2570
M/F ratio (VMCAS)	20.93% M 79.00% F	19.58% M 80.38% F
Ethnicity (% & # matriculants) VMCAS		
- African American	1.62% (72)	1.90% (87)
-Asian/Pacific Islander	4.17% (186)	3.62% (166)
-Hispanic/Latino	2.38% (106)	2.79% (128)
-Native American	0.99% (44)	1.16% (53)
-Other	1.15% (51)	1.24% (57)
Mean Age (matriculants)	24.31	23.99
Mean GPA (matriculants)	3.53	3.55

General Trends:

- Food Safety and Animal Disease Control: USDA
 - Increase in population, increased demand for food.
- Biosecurity and Homeland Security
 - After the anthrax scare, awareness of biological warfare is more apparent. Thus researchers are needed in this area.
- Research on domestic and foreign animal diseases
 - Avian flu
 - Monkey pox
- Animal Care and Welfare
 - Increased pet ownership resulting in shortage of companion animal veterinarians
- Public Health Service/Animal diseases that affect humans
 - Mad Cow Disease
- Animal care in animal research labs
- Wildlife Disease Control

It is estimated that there will be a demand for veterinarians in various areas of expertise, especially those listed above for the next 20 years.

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