The College of Veterinary Medicine was authorized by the Florida Legislature in 1965 and opened its doors to students in 1976. Florida’s College of Veterinary Medicine is concerned with the total health of all members of the animal kingdom, including man.

Modern veterinarians serve the needs of the public in many significant ways:

- Prevention of disease in animals and humans
- Enhancement of animal agriculture and wildlife management
- Humane health care of animals
- Research on diseases of animals
- Provision of wholesome food

To answer these challenges, the goals of the College of Veterinary Medicine are to:

- Educate veterinarians for Florida’s specific needs.
- Perform research on metabolic and infectious diseases of animals. These investigations will provide new knowledge concerning diseases of domestic animals, will assist in the control of devastating subtropical diseases that must be controlled to provide wholesome food for our nation and developing countries, and will provide insight into human diseases for which animal models exist.
- Provide a veterinary medical center necessary for training interns, residents and graduate students, and for the continuing education of practitioners.
- Provide a resource for dissemination of current information to veterinary practitioners, state and federal agricultural and public health agencies, and consumers of food and health services.
- Serve as a center where veterinary practitioners can consult with specialists and where animal patients can be referred for sophisticated diagnostic procedures. This will provide a service to practitioners and afford veterinary students access to more cases and a greater variety of disease entities.
When to Apply

The College of Veterinary Medicine is a participant in the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS). Applications are available in May via VMCAS. In addition to completing the VMCAS application, applicants must also complete and submit a required UF vet med professional application.

More Info

This secondary application is used to determine residency for tuition purposes. The completed secondary application must be received by the submission deadline of the VMCAS application. Admission is granted only for the fall semester of each school year and only on a full-time basis.