

THE LIFE OF A MIDWESTERN VET STUDENT



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SOME BACKGROUND ABOUT ME

- I graduated from UC Davis in spring of 2023 with a BS in animal science with a focus in equine science and a minor in music
 - Some of my stats
 - Graduated with a 3.67 (I think my science gpa was around a 3.4)
 - Was on the board of the Hunter Jumper Team
 - Involved in foal team
 - On the board of the Hillel student board
 - Interned at Victory Rose Thoroughbreds in Vacaville
- I applied to 10 vet schools
 - Got an interview and acceptance to Midwestern College of Veterinary Medicine in Glendale, AZ

SOME PICTURES FROM UNDERGRAD



SOME HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES I'VE HAD SO FAR

- I have gotten to do 6 cat neuters and monitor anesthesia for other cats
- I've gotten to do lots of physical exams on cats, a few on dogs, a few on horses, and a few on cows
- I have gotten to learn how to do hand sutures
- I have done necropsies on cats, dogs, a horse, a goat, and even a cheetah!

SOME FUN PICTURES



WHAT A TYPICAL DAY LOOKS LIKE

- We can have class anywhere between 8 am and 5 pm
 - Unfortunately this quarter we have a lot of 8-5 days with just a break for lunch
- Clubs will often have meetings during lunch where you can sign up to get food during the meetings if you are a member of the club
- After class I typically go home, shower, eat, and then do school work for a couple of hours
- I am typically in bed by 9 pm, but I am not a typical student (most people I know stay up much later)

SOME FACTS ABOUT MIDWESTERN CVM

- We are on the quarter system so coming from an undergraduate school where I was used to the quarter system was helpful
- The first quarter starts off fairly slow with only 6 exams total
- Second quarter ramps up even more
- Third quarter of first year and first quarter of second year are the hardest quarters
- There is a lot of hands on experience available even as a first year

BIGGEST PIECES OF ADVICE

- If you haven't taken ochem yet, just take the 118 series (It will open up so many more schools you can apply to and the sheet they have in the animal science advising office about school requirements is not correct)
- Try to get as much experience as you can with a variety of different species
- Make sure you have other experiences on your resume that aren't animal related
- Try to hold at least one leadership position before it comes time to apply to vet school
- Grades aren't everything; you don't have to have a perfect gpa to get into vet school
- Make sure to have fun during undergrad. It will go by in the blink of an eye