UCVM Admissions Statistics For The 2023/2024 Admissions Cycle
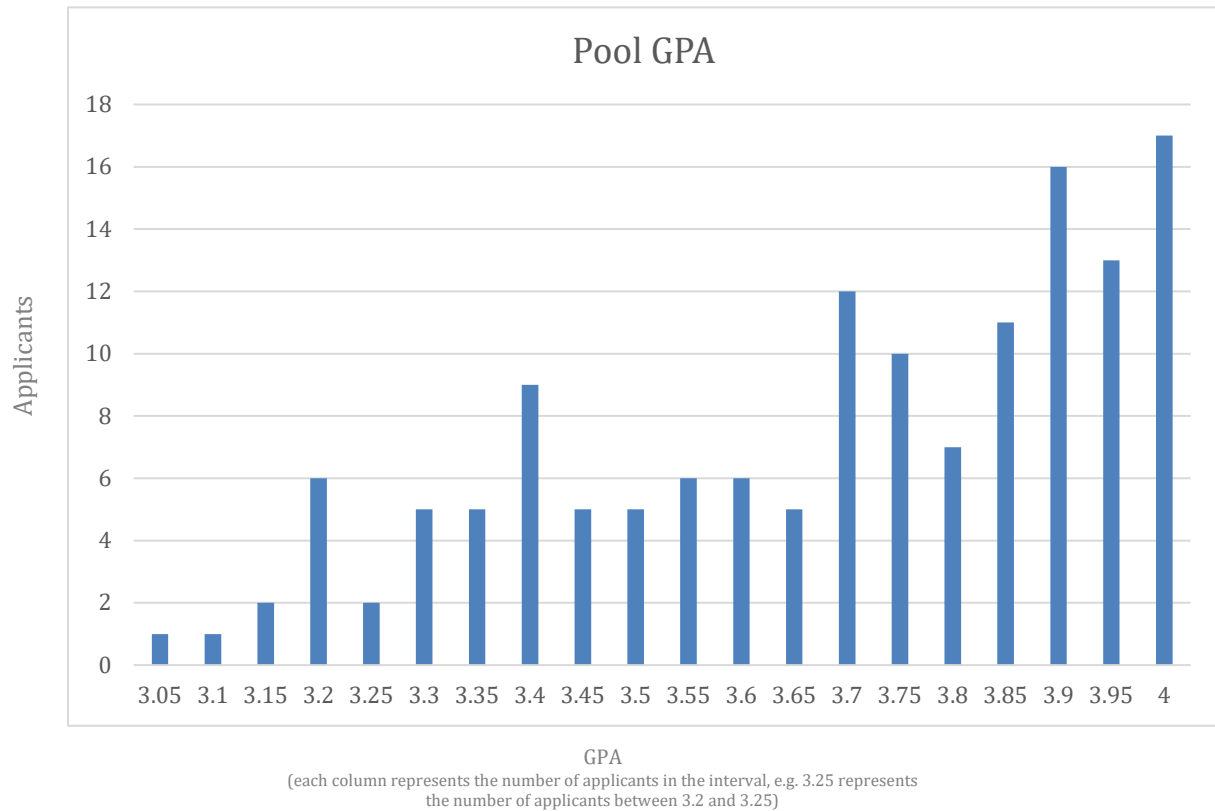
This information is provided to offer future applicants and others who are interested a better understanding of our process. The applicant pool is different every year and scores achieved in each of the sections of the application process are relative, generated from the average performance of the applicants in the pool. Therefore, the scores cannot be compared between application cycles and an individual applicant's score will not be the same in different application cycles.

This was the third year that we included the MCAT exam as a part of the application requirements. This was done as part of a process to reduce our emphasis on GPA and to simplify meeting our pre-requisite requirements that can be complicated for some applicants with more varied backgrounds. The MCAT score was used as a threshold whereby any person with a score ≥495 met the requirement. It was not used to rank applicants.
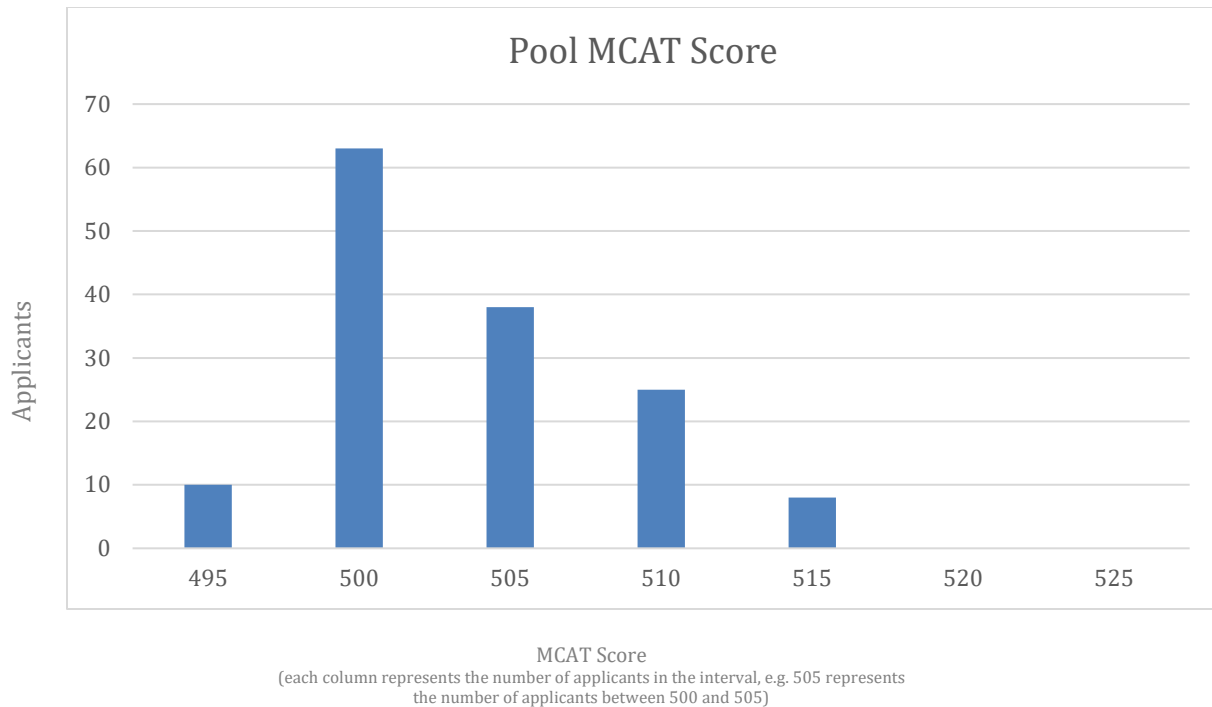
Another recent change to our process was the institution of a file review which was performed on the files of all applicants who met our admission requirements and was used to select applicants for the next step in the process, the multi-mini interviews (MMI) and essay. All qualified applications, those who met the GPA and MCAT requirements, were reviewed by three reviewers and scored for their fit with the UCVM DVM program. Applicants were ranked based on this file review to decide which applicants would be interviewed.

A virtual system was used to conduct the MMI's again this year along with the CASPer program used in the previous cycles. In addition, we also used remote exam centres to host the essay component of the application along with a site on the U of C campus.

The online application opened on October 2, 2023 and closed on November 24, 2023.

Pool GPA

GPA
(each column represents the number of applicants in the interval, e.g. 3.25 represents
the number of applicants between 3.2 and 3.25)

The graph displays the GPA statistics from the applicant pool. The average "4-term GPA" of qualified applicants was **3.66**. The average GPA of applicants admitted was **3.69** (range 3.07 to 4.00)

Pool MCAT Score

MCAT Score	Applicants
495	10
500	63
505	38
510	25
515	8
520	0
525	0

MCAT Score
(each column represents the number of applicants in the interval, e.g. 505 represents the number of applicants between 500 and 505)

The average MCAT Score of qualified applicants was a **501.6** (range 495 – 514). The average MCAT score of successful applicants was 502.9 (range 495 to 514)

After receiving the MMI and Essay Scores, the final grades from the Winter 2024 term, and the CASPER scores all the data was finalized. A final admission score for each applicant was calculated based on the following weighting: **MMI** (65%), **Essay** (30%), **CASPer score** (5%), and a rank-order list of all applicants was made.

After receiving acceptance or decline letters from individuals on our initial offer list, applicants on the waitlist were contacted and the 55 members of the UCVM Class of 2028 were finalized by the end of June, 2024.

Of the successful applicants for the Class of 2028:
- 12 identified as male, 43 as female, 0 as non-binary, 0 prefer not to answer
- 26/55 are first-time applicants,
- 45/55 studied in Alberta prior to applying,
- The average 4-term GPA was **3.69** (range 3.07 – 4.00),

- Successful applicants stated the following as their primary areas of interest: General Veterinary Practice (18), Production Animal Health (15), Ecosystem and Public Health (4), Small Animal (9), Investigative Medicine (3), Equine (7).

In our ongoing efforts to better understand our applicant pool this application cycle we gathered more detailed information about minority groups within the limits allowed us by the U of C. None of this information was used in the selection process. Instead it was gathered for our understanding and to help direct are recruiting efforts. We learned that the 2023/24 applicant pool was made up of applicants with various backgrounds including Chinese, Filipino, Latin American, and South Asian. 5.5 percent self-identified as Indigenous persons. Fifty seven percent of applicants chose not to answer questions on their background. The composition of the successful applicants was similar with 12.5% of the class identifying as non-Caucasian, and 9.1% Indigenous.

A question that comes up whenever admission to the DVM program is discussed is recruitment of students from rural areas. We asked applicants about their background and where they grew up. That information tells us that prior to their 18th birthday 30.0% of the responses indicated applicants lived for some period in communities of ≤10,000 people or were raised on an acreage or a farm. Thirty percent of the responses identified a metropolitan or regional centre of ≥50,000 people. The remaining responses (40%) were for communities between 10,000 and 50,000 people.