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Hello Patty,  
Enclosed you will find an update on Utah State University College of Veterinary Medicine admissions and recruiting activities for the 2025 calendar year. Please let me know if you require more information.

Sincerely,

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## USU CVM Admissions 2025

## 1) First admissions cycle March – June 2025

| Class of 2029 | Number of Nevada Applications | Number Reviewed by Selection Committee* | Number Interviewed | Number of Offer Letters Sent | Number Accepted |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|               | 16                            | 9                                       | NA                 | 2                            | 2               |

\*All Nevada applications that met our GPA cutoffs (cumulative 2.9, prerequisite 3.1) were reviewed by Selection Committee members

## 2) Second admissions cycle September 2025 – April 2026

| Class of 2030 | Number of Nevada Applications | Number Reviewed by Selection Committee* | Number Interviewed** | Number of Offer Letters Sent | Number Accepted |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|               | 39                            | 29                                      | 27                   | TBD                          | TBD             |

\*\*Two applicants declined an interview or did not fulfill the requirements to interview

## USU CVM Recruiting Activities 2025

- February 26, 2025 – Recruiter visited the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and presented to their Pre-Vet Club. Approximately 40 students attended.
- March 3, 2025 – Recruiter visited UNLV and presented to their Pre-Vet Club. Attendance was eight students consisting of all UNLV students except for one attendee taking online coursework from an online institution.
- March 11, 2025 – USU CVM hosted annual Pre-Vet Conference at USU. An advisor and two students from Nevada State University attended.
- April 18, 2025 - six UNR pre-vet students traveled to USU to tour campus and learn more about the DVM program.

- USU CVM Associate Dean Rood occasionally hosted Nevada students, parents, and practitioners throughout the summer of 2025.
- August 16, 2025 – Dr. Boyd Sprattling represented Nevada at the USU CVM White Coat Ceremony.
- September 2, 2025 – Recruiter presented to the UNR Pre Vet Club. About 15 students attended; however, none of the attendees expressed interest in applying by the close of the VMCAS cycle on September 15, 2025.
- September 3, 2025 – Recruiter presented in a UNR freshman introductory biology course. Approximately 50 students expressed interest in the DVM program during this visit.
- September 30, 2025 - Recruiter held a meeting at UNLV with Patty Porter to discuss the program. Attendance included the UNLV Pre-Vet Club advisor and one student, who had applied through VMCAS for the upcoming class.
- October 15–17, 2025 – USU CVM hosted a booth at the Wild West Vet Show in Reno, NV. This allowed the CVM to engage with veterinarians and members of the veterinary community to help spread awareness of USU's DVM program and the Nevada partnership. Feedback was positive, with several attendees indicating they would share information with colleagues and staff at their clinics.
- Also in October, Dr. Rood visited multiple Nevada clinics and spoke to a UNR pre-vet medicine class.

## Outlook – 2026

- UNR spring visit in January or February, including a presentation to the Pre-Vet Club, with the addition of presenting in one or more classes.
- Outreach to Nevada State University and UNLV about the possibility of hosting Zoom meetings, as we have had more limited success with in-person visits in southern Nevada. Based on our interactions in the region this spring and feedback from pre-vet advisors at those institutions, we will determine whether a Fall 2026 in-person visit to UNLV and/or Nevada State University is worthwhile.
- Plans to host our Pre-Vet Conference again in March 2026; students and advisors from Nevada institutions will be invited.

## Take-aways from recruiting:

1. Outreach to UNR is very rewarding; there is less interest at UNLV.
2. Outreach at the Wild West Vet Show was a positive experience; this event has been put on our calendar for future years.