Mara Seifer, vet student in UNL/ISU program:
“CSC did an excellent job of preparing me for veterinary school. I know I can now look back at my time at Chadron and really appreciate the foundation I received there!”

Sammi Shaykett, vet student at Minnesota State University:
“I was taught how to study properly [at CSC] and have not had to suffer like the students here who just took Animal Science courses. CSC’s Developmental biology was so helpful in anatomy/embryology here.”

CPT Craig M. Calkins, DVM, Captain, Veterinary Corps of the United States Army:
“Attending CSC helped me prepare for my career as an Army Veterinarian in several ways. Chadron State provided me the opportunity to take a variety of high quality classes with a low student to teacher ratio. Chadron State College offers many labs/classes in their preprofessional degree program not offered by larger schools due to costs (i.e. anatomy labs). . . . Most importantly Chadron State College allowed me to obtain a high quality education at a fraction of the cost of larger schools.”

Wayne Robinson, vet student accepted to UNL/ISU program:
“As a student with a disability, gaining admission to Veterinary School was a lofty goal. From day one, this goal was shared by the faculty and staff of CSC. Their support paid off when I matriculated to my number one choice - UNL/ISU-CVM after only 3 years of undergraduate coursework. A challenging path through veterinary school lies ahead; a path that CSC provided the skills necessary to navigate successfully.”
Welcome to the Chadron State College Pre-Vet program

What are my career options?
- Private practice (small, large animal or mixed)
- Federal government
- State government
- Research (public or private)
- Higher education
- Food Safety
- Zoo medicine
- Avian science
- Wildlife research
- Private industry (pet food producers or pet pharmaceutical companies)

How do I prepare for veterinary school?

Undergraduate Experience
To prepare for veterinary school, the best two options at CSC are to earn an undergraduate degree:
• Comprehensive major in Biology, Molecular Biology option
• Comprehensive major in Health Sciences, Pre-Veterinary option

The above majors would satisfy the majority of your pre-requisites at most veterinary schools. These majors include Essential Studies courses which help you become a well-rounded and contributing member of society. Some of your Essential Studies courses also serve as pre-requisites at many veterinary schools.

• Another option is to earn your pre-requisites for veterinary school, without earning a four-year degree. For this option, especially, it will be crucial that you should meet with your advisor early and regularly.

Whatever choice you pursue, you need to focus in the sciences such as biology, chemistry and physics. In addition, specific requirements vary greatly among veterinary schools. There is no template to follow, so working closely with your CSC Pre-Vet advisor is critical to your success in gaining admission.

For a complete list of U.S. veterinary schools, see aavmc.org/AAVMC-Members/Full-Member-Listing.aspx.

High School Experience
Take as many math and science courses as you can in subjects including biology, chemistry and physics.

Shadowing
Shadowing, both in high school and college, involves making arrangements with a veterinarian to observe him or her on rounds, in the clinic and in the operating room. The more you observe about the career, both positive and negative, the better informed you will be about the demands and rewards of this profession. Also, ask them about which colleges they attended or recommend. Other shadowing options include working with animals in any of the following settings: sale barn, pound, Humane Society, 4-H or FFA events, dog walking or training and other similar opportunities.

How do I know which veterinary school is for me?
If you are a legal resident of Nebraska, you may find the UNL option with Iowa State University appealing. vetmed.unl.edu/prospectivestudents

Students who are residents of Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming and several other states may qualify for WICHE. wiche.edu

What activities outside of class will help me?
• Pre-Vet club activities
• Trips to regional and national Pre-Vet meetings
• Small animal dissections
• Large animal assessments
• Teach obedience classes
• Take electives in Rangeland Management

History of Success
Over the years, CSC students have been accepted into veterinary schools at University of Nebraska, Kansas State University, Iowa State University, University of Missouri, Ohio State University, Colorado State University and Washington State University.