



Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Guidelines for Evaluators

Please pass this along to the individuals whom you have asked to write letters of recommendation on your behalf

Cornell's Admissions Committee recommends using the following to supplement the standard evaluation form. In an effort to assess each applicant fully for admission into the DVM degree program, we are looking to gain specific information from those writing evaluations. Supplementing the typical questions one might normally address, such as "How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?", discussing the following will provide the Admissions Committee with consistent information about each applicant.

- a) Please assess this candidate's ability to communicate effectively with individuals in each of the following groups by giving relevant examples:
 - Clients/animal owners
 - Colleagues/peers
 - Support staff
 - Supervisors
- b) Please describe a situation where this candidate demonstrated effective interpersonal skills.
- c) How consistently or under what conditions does this candidate demonstrate these skills?
- d) Please describe a situation where this candidate demonstrated an ability to think logically, work independently, reason through a problem, and set priorities.
- e) How has this candidate demonstrated her or his commitment to the veterinary profession?
- f) How would you assess this candidate for being punctual, willing to work long hours, and showing attention to detail?
- g) Does this candidate understand the realities of veterinary medicine?

Thank you for providing a letter of evaluation on behalf of the applicant.
We appreciate your feedback and commitment to the profession and future veterinarians.