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Veterinary Nursing Program

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT AND PROCEDURE FOR THE VETERINARY NURSING PROGRAM

Interested applicants do not need to apply to the veterinary nursing program to take the general education core courses. In order to apply to the Veterinary Nursing Program, all applicants must meet the MSC admission requirements as well as the following:

1. Enhanced National ACT composite score of 19 or above and sub-scores of 19 or above. SAT sub-scores above 480 SAT2/PSAT102 in Evidence Based-Reading & Writing and 530 in Math.
 - a. Deficiency in sub-scores can be removed by taking appropriate courses.
2. An accumulative GPA of 2.0 or better on all completed college coursework.
3. Students must have successfully completed BIO 1114 General Biology, BIO 1404 Principles of Biology, CHM 1114 Chemistry I, or approved science credit with a grade of 'C' or higher in order to qualify for enrollment.

Admission Procedure:

1. Submit a Murray State College application, application is found on the Murray State College website at: <https://www.mscol.edu/>
2. Submit to the admissions office all of the following AND request a copy of each be sent to the Veterinary Nursing Program:
 - a. Official high school transcript
 - b. Official ACT or SAT &/or ACCUPLACER Score Reports
 - c. Official college transcripts for any and all colleges attended
 - d. Immunization Record - See Murray State College Catalog for requirements.
3. Submit a completed Veterinary Nursing Application (found on the MSC Veterinary Nursing Program website at https://www.mscol.edu/academics/school_ag_business_ot/vndl/index) to the Veterinary Nursing Office: Murray State College Veterinary Nursing, One Murray Campus, Tishomingo, OK 73260 or email to mscvn@mscol.edu:
 - a. Copy of official high school transcript
 - b. Copy of official ACT or SAT &/or ACCUPLACER Score Reports
 - c. Copy of official college transcripts for any and all colleges attended
 - d. Immunization record - See the Murray State College Veterinary Nursing Student Handbook
 - e. Two letters of recommendation
 - f. Clinical Observation – Complete a minimum of **40 hours** of observation in a veterinary clinical facility. See Clinical Observation Form on the Murray State College Veterinary Nursing Program application.
4. Completed Application and Documentation Due Dates: **July 1st** (Face-to-Face & Online Students)
5. Students accepted into the Program are required to attend a Veterinary Nursing Orientation, prior to the beginning of the program.
6. Students must be able to meet and comply with the Essential Functions and Accommodation Policy for the Veterinary Nursing Program. This document is located on the Veterinary Nursing Program's web page.
7. Students accepted into the Program are required to complete and pass a federal background check and drug test by a company selected by Murray State College Veterinary Nursing by August 1st. See the Murray State College Veterinary Nursing Student Handbook for more information.

Applicants for Oklahoma licensure as a Registered Veterinary Technician must meet all State and Federal requirements. For questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Oklahoma Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at 580-387-7420 or visit the Oklahoma Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners website at:

Admission Selection:

1. Only completed applications with all documents will be considered for acceptance.
2. Acceptance into the MSC Veterinary Nursing Program is competitive. Applicants will be awarded points and ranked according to the admission point system. The Veterinary Nursing Selection Committee will make the final determination regarding applicant ranking, total selection point calculations, and acceptance into the program.
3. Applicants having identical selection point totals will be ranked according to individual GPA, ACT and Science course grades.

Readmission to the Veterinary Nursing Program:

Once accepted into the Veterinary Nursing Program and a student discontinues the program for any reason, they may be readmitted to the program in accordance with the following:

1. Students will submit a current Veterinary Nursing Program application, in the event that the failed course is not retaken in the next available semester.
2. Applications will be awarded points and ranked according to the admission point system.
3. Students in the distance learning program must complete the program core courses within 6 years. Any course that falls outside of the 6 years must be retaken.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN THE VETERINARY NURSING PROGRAM

Students enrolled in the Veterinary Nursing Program must maintain a minimum retention grade point average of 2.0 (equivalent to 72% or higher for first-year courses and 75% or higher for second-year courses) in each veterinary nursing course in order to enroll in subsequent Veterinary Nursing courses and to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree.

1. Students enrolled in the Veterinary Nursing Clinical Skills courses must complete each skill with a passing grade in order to receive a passing grade in the course. Failure to complete each skill with a passing grade of a 2.0 grade point average will prevent continuation in the Veterinary Nursing Program or graduation with an Associate of Applied Science Degree.