

Q: When can I apply to the Veterinary Nursing Program?

A: Applicants are taken each spring for the following fall semester. The application process must be completed by June, 15. Priority will be given to those applicants that apply before March 15.

Q: What are the requirements to be eligible to apply to the VN program?

A: In order to apply to the Veterinary Nursing Program all applicants must meet MSC admission requirements and preference is given to students who meet the following requirements:

1. Enhanced ACT composite score of 19 or above. SAT total score 990 or above.
2. Enhanced ACT math score of 19 or above or MTH 0403. SAT Math score of 510.
3. Enhanced ACT reading score of 19 or higher or ENG 0103 or ENG 0203. SAT Reading & Writing score of 330.

Q: How long will it take me to complete this program?

A: The program consists of four semesters and an externship which is an 8-week summer course.

Q: I have taken some of the prerequisite courses at another college or university. Will these courses transfer and will I get credit for them for this program?

A: Most college credit courses that have been taken within the last ten years will transfer to Murray State College. Applicants need to make an appointment with the registrar office for a transcript evaluation.

Q: Is clinical experience included in the program?

A: Yes, clinical experience will be incorporated in the curriculum throughout the entirety of the program.

Q: When I finish the program, will I be a Registered Veterinary Technician?

A: Students who finish the program will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Nursing from Murray State College and will be eligible to sit for your state and Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). Upon passing these exams, you will receive your license as a credentialed veterinary technician.

Q: What is an externship?

A: Clinical externship is the culmination of a student's Veterinary Technician education. It is the training ground where students are challenged to integrate all aspects of their education. This phase of training offers students the excitement and responsibility of applying the knowledge and skills they have learned.

Q: If I am still in high school, what courses should I take now to prepare myself for a career as a Registered Veterinary Technician?

A: Physical Science, Biology, Physiology, Chemistry, Zoology, Algebra, and Computer Science