ADMISSION REQUIREMENT AND PROCEDURE FOR THE VETERINARY NURSING PROGRAM

Interested applicants do not need to apply to the VN 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 at least 2.0 on all completed college course work.

Admission Procedure

1. Submit a Murray State College application (www.mscok.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
3. Submit a completed Veterinary Nursing Application to the Veterinary Nursing Office:
   To: Murray State College Veterinary Nursing
       One Murray Campus
       Tishomingo, OK 73260
   or
   mscvn@mscok.edu
4. Submit to the Veterinary Nursing Program all of the following with your Application:
   a. Immunization record
      - Hepatitis B (three doses), measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR, two doses)
      - Rabies Pre-exposure vaccination or titer levels of at least 0.5 IU/mL if previously vaccinated. A rabies titer level less than 0.5 IU/mL will require a booster.
   b. Two letters of recommendation
   c. Clinical Observation Record – Complete a minimum of 16 hours of observation in a veterinary clinical facility.
5. **Completed Application and Documentation Due Dates:**
   a. **Fall** Application Due **July 1st** (Face-to-Face & Online Students)
6. Student 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 attend a Veterinary Nursing Orientation, prior to beginning the program.
8. Students accepted into the Program are required to have a complete primary series of rabies pre-exposure vaccine administered prior to direct contact with animals. If previously vaccinated for rabies the student must have serum antibody levels checked, with a booster dose of rabies vaccine administered if the titer is inadequate according to current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

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.
2. Applications will be awarded points and ranked according to the admission point system.
3. Students can only be readmitted into the face-to-face program one time.
4. 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 2.0 retention grade point average for each Veterinary Nursing course in order to enroll in subsequent Veterinary Nursing courses.