



**Application for Admission
Veterinary Nursing Program
&
Veterinary Nursing Distance Learning Program
One Murray Campus
Tishomingo, Oklahoma 73460**

Applicants to the Murray State College Veterinary Nursing Program are selected in accordance with nondiscriminatory practices.

Please send in the following with the application:

1. Submit a Murray State College application to the Registrar's Office. (www.mscol.edu)
2. Official National ACT, SAT &/or ACCUPLACER Score Reports
3. HS Transcript – Copy of Official Transcript
4. College or University Transcript – Copy of Official Transcript
5. Immunization Record
 - a. Rabies pre-exposure vaccination (2-dose) or adequate titer levels if previously vaccinated (must be completed by the second week of entering into the Program). There are exceptions or exemptions from the rabies pre-exposure vaccine.
6. Two Letters of Recommendation
7. Clinical Observation Record (Minimum of 16 hours)

To:

Murray State College Veterinary Nursing
One Murray Campus
Tishomingo, OK 73460

or

mscvn@mscol.edu

Student must be able to meet the Essential Functions (physical and mental) requirements for Veterinary Technicians as well as the Minimum Technology Requirements and Skills. This is listed in the following pages.

The Veterinary Nursing Orientation, which will be scheduled two weeks prior to the beginning of the fall semester, is mandatory for all students who will be attending the program face-to-face. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please contact mscvn@mscol.edu as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

The Veterinary Nursing Distance Learning Orientation, which will be scheduled two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester, is mandatory for all first-time students before beginning the program. A Zoom link will be provided for those who would like to attend in real time. The meeting will also be recorded for later viewing for students who cannot attend the Zoom.

Note: We will send a letter of confirmation that we have received your application within 14 days of submission. If you do not receive a letter or email stating we have received your application, contact us at 580-387-7520



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Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle/Maiden)

Mailing Address: _____

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

U.S. Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No Date of Birth _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Please check next to the program which you are applying:

____ Face-to-Face Program

____ Distance Learning Program

If you are applying to the Distance Learning Program please specify the following:

Semester: Fall or Spring (circle one)

Year: _____

References:

I have requested that the 2 following individuals send letters of recommendation.

NOTE: Reference letters must be signed and should not be from a family member.

Name

Address

_____	_____
_____	_____



Academic Information: List all education beginning with high school.

Name of Institution	City, State	Dates Attended	Degree Received/Anticipated

Organizations/Community Service Activities: List all beginning with high school.

Name of Organization	Type of Service/Activity	Dates Involved

Employment: List all work experience, both full- and part-time, during the last five years.

Dates: From To	Position Held	Employer	City, State

Clinical Observation: Applicants must complete a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of clinical observation in a veterinary hospital. (Clinical Observation Record – See Form Attached)

Have you ever been arrested for any offense or convicted of any offense including a deferred sentence within the past five (5) years.

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, provide details on a separate sheet of paper.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, provide details on a separate sheet of paper.

Have you previously applied for admission to the Veterinary Nursing Program?

___ Yes ___ No Date_____



**Veterinary Nursing Program
Clinical Observation Record**

Name of Applicant: _____

Veterinary Hospital Observed: _____

Address of Veterinary Hospital: _____

The purpose of clinical observation is to acquaint the potential applicant with the nature and scope of the Veterinary and Veterinary Nursing professions and to allow the Veterinarian or Registered Veterinary Technician an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the applicant. Upon completion of their observation the applicant should be able to give rationale for why they want to become a Registered Veterinary Technician.

Please consider the following and provide your overall impression: The applicant:

- arrived promptly for observation and stayed the agreed upon amount of time.
- was neat & appropriate in their appearance and behavior.
- showed effective listening skills & good verbal communication.
- observed attentively and with interest.
- showed confidence & enthusiasm through their behavior.
- asked questions & gave comments that indicated an attempt to learn about the field of Veterinary Nursing.

Each applicant must observe 16 hours to be eligible to apply for which they receive no points. The initial 16 hours of observation can be with either a veterinarian or any member of the veterinary health care team. After the initial 16 hours, the applicant can earn points by observing a Registered Veterinary Technician. Applicants can earn up to 4 points (1 point per 8 hours).

Amount of time observed: _____ Date(s) of Observation: _____

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I recommend this student for consideration by the MSC Veterinary Nursing Program: Yes _____

No _____

Comments:

DVM/RVT Signature: _____ DVM____ or RVT____ Date: _____

Print Name of Observer: _____

License # _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____



ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (TECHNICAL SKILLS) LIST

The purpose of an Essential Functions List is to allow students who are considering a career to be informed of the physical, emotional and psychological demands related to training and employment in a field of study. These lists are provided to allow prospective students to make informed career choices by providing them with a summary of the physical abilities and personality traits that are generally required for the successful completion of a curriculum and result in employment in their field of study after graduation.

Veterinary Nursing is a career with many different paths. However, an accredited training program has the responsibility to ensure every student is technically competent in the procedures and tasks that are essential to the functioning of a technician in a clinical setting. The veterinary Nursing faculty members have developed the following list of essential functions/technical skills that students should be able to perform, with or without reasonable accommodation. This list also applies to Veterinary Nursing Distance Learning Students.

1. Students must possess sufficient strength, coordination, mobility, and manual dexterity to perform the following procedures accurately, safely and efficiently:
 - a. Be physically capable of handling equipment and animals up to 50 pounds of weight.
 - b. Move, reach, manipulate and operate equipment and controls.
 - c. The ability to tolerate walking, standing, sitting, crawling and bending for sustained and prolonged periods of time (85% of workday).
 - d. Access supply and storage areas.
 - e. Enter, maneuver in, and quickly exit cages, stalls, and other animal handling areas (may involve stooping, kneeling, crawling and/or climbing).
 - f. Move between animal holding facilities, treatment areas and surgical suites without physical impairment.
 - g. Reach, push or pull animals or equipment in confined areas.
2. Students must be able to demonstrate the following abilities:
 - a. Normal natural or corrected visual and auditory acuity to allow for patient assessment at a distance.
 - b. Tolerance of high-volume areas (examples: dog kennels, swine facilities).
 - c. Recognition of signals, alarms, emergency signals, and voices while in animal care or treatment facilities and while wearing personnel protective equipment.
 - d. Recognition of the presence of fire, gas, or toxic reagents for maintaining clinic and patient safety.
3. Students must possess the following skills:
 - a. A personality suited to exhibit respect, concern and compassion for both animals and humans.
 - b. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills to assess patient status and response to therapy.



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- c. The ability to perform multiple tasks simultaneously.
- d. Reading and writing skills that enable them to assess medical records and treatment plans, make legally-binding notes on patient status and care, and accurately complete log books.
- e. Computer skills that enable them to input, access, and assess client and patient information as well as perform hospital management tasks.
- f. Strong and positive interpersonal skills with the ability to interact appropriately with individuals from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
- g. Personal initiative to work independently and with small groups of people.
- h. Stress management skills to handle stressful situations related to pain, injury, death and dying.
- i. Initiative and self-motivation to continue life-long learning.

I understand and can meet all the requirements of the essential functions skills list.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Minimum Technology Requirements and Skills:

- Students must have access to a computer, reliable internet connection, and a camera separate from the computer monitor for online distance learning courses.
- Students must complete mandatory Blackboard training prior to taking online courses to ensure there are skills present to be successful in an online learning setting.
- Please ensure the technology you have is compatible with Blackboard Learn and Murray State College's lockdown browsers.

I understand and can meet all the requirements outlined in the Minimum Technology Requirements and Skills listed above.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____