

Veterinary Nursing Applicant Point System

A simple guide to how applicant points are calculated

EARLY ACCEPTANCE: Applicants who earn more than 19 points or higher qualify for early acceptance.

How the point system works

Applicants earn points in several areas. The largest portion of the score comes from grades in selected college courses. Additional points may be earned for completed degrees, an outside Veterinary Assistant certificate, and clinical experience. Previous failed Veterinary Nursing courses reduce the total score.

1. College Coursework

For each course listed below, points are awarded according to the final course grade:

A	B	C	D
4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point

Courses included in the academic score	Possible points
English Composition I	1–4
English Composition II or Speech	1–4
Government	1–4
History	1–4
General Biology/Chemistry	1–4
Humanities (MUS 2533)	1–4
VA I	1–4
VA II	1–4

2. Degrees and Certificates

Credential	Points
Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree	2.5

Bachelor's degree (BS) or higher	5
Veterinary Assistant Certificate from another source	1

3. Clinical Experience

A minimum of 40 hours of clinical work or observation is required. Additional experience earns points as follows:

40 hrs	48 hrs	56 hrs	64 hrs	72 hrs
0 pts	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts

4. Point Deductions

Previous failure in a Veterinary Nursing program: minus 5 points for each failed Veterinary Nursing course.

Estimate your total: Course grade points + degree/certificate points + clinical experience points – any applicable deductions = total applicant points.

Questions about how a course, credential, or experience will be counted?

Please contact the Murray State College Veterinary Nursing Program for clarification before submitting your application.