

MST/DVM Program FAQs

(Master in Toxicology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine)

1. The College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVMBS) and the Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences (ERHS), both at Colorado State University (CSU), have joined to create this combined program of study. We will be accepting applications from outstanding international (nonresident, non-US citizen) students who express interest in the combined MST/DVM Program. Upon successful completion of the academic requirements of the MST Program, (usually two to three semesters), students will be granted admission to the DVM Program and will pursue the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine.
2. **What is this program all about?** There is a continuing need for well-trained specialists in veterinary toxicology throughout the world in teaching, diagnostic, and research positions both in private and public institutions. The overall goal of this program is to produce well-trained students who will function effectively in a range of capacities that ensure human, animal, and environmental safety as well as meet some of the eligibility requirements for the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology certification examination.
3. **How much is this going to cost?** Admitted MST/DVM students are specifically offered a nonresident **Nonsponsored** position in the graduate Toxicology Program and in the 4-year part of the DVM Program. Please know, by state law, the tuition classification of Nonsponsored DVM student remains Nonsponsored for the duration of the combined program i.e. students cannot change their tuition classification once they matriculate in the DVM Program. Updated tuition information for the graduate and DVM Program can be found at <https://financialaid.colostate.edu/doctor-veterinary-medical-students/>. For the 2021-22 academic year, graduate non-resident tuition is \$30,858 per year and DVM Nonsponsored tuition and fees are \$63,000 per year.
4. **Once I accept the offer, how do I enroll for summer/fall toxicology courses for the MST/DVM Program?** Accepted candidates for the combined MST/DVM Program will be required to complete the CSU Graduate School Application and meet the [TOEFL requirements](#) as set by the CSU Graduate School. (Accepted MST/DVM students will not need to resubmit transcripts or letters of recommendation.) The MST/DVM essay (Colorado Supplemental Application) can be used as the personal statement in the CSU Graduate School Application. If you have any questions about the online graduate application please contact Dr. Olivia Arnold at CSU at olivia.arnold@colostate.edu. There is a \$70 non-refundable fee for the online graduate application.
5. **Do I have to apply again to the DVM Program?** No. All students who are admitted to and successfully complete the MST part of the combined program will be

automatically admitted to the DVM Program the following year. However, students will be requested to update their personal contact information/tuition classification at time of orientation and to accept a DVM offer the following spring semester. No additional application fees are required.

6. **What is the curriculum of the MST Program?** The general requirements and coursework can be viewed at <https://vetmedbiosci.colostate.edu/degree-programs/graduate/ms-toxicology/toxicology-1-year>.
7. **If I receive an offer to the MST/DVM Program, will my application still be evaluated in the regular admissions pool?** If you indicate you wish to be considered for the MST/DVM program (on the Colorado Supplemental Application), your application will additionally be considered in the regular DVM admissions pool. When decisions are released, if a candidate receives an OFFER to the MST/DVM program, this becomes a superseding offer and they will not be further considered in the regular DVM admissions pool, regardless of whether or not they accept or decline the MST/DVM offer. If you are denied or designated as an alternate for the MST/DVM program, your application will be considered in the regular DVM admissions pool.
8. **Must I have completed my undergraduate degree in order to be admitted to the combined program?** Yes, although a candidate may be accepted to the DVM Program without completing a Bachelor degree, it is still required in order to begin the MST Program. Application for admission to the combined MST/DVM Program may be made prior to receiving an undergraduate degree, but the Bachelor degree must have been awarded prior to matriculation into the MST/DVM Program.
9. **What should be covered in the separate narrative submitted as part of my Combined Program application?**
Applicants to the Combined Program must submit a separate narrative that specifically addresses their motivations for participating in the MST/DVM program and what they hope to gain through this combined program versus a veterinary program only. Tell us how you think the combined training will affect your career and contribute to the profession. What do you know about the importance of toxicology training to the role of veterinarians? Share past experiences that have contributed to your interest in both toxicology and veterinary medicine. Perhaps they were work experiences/observations/collegiate training in Toxicology, Pharmacology, Pathology, or other areas. It is very important to summarize your work experience, as well as complementary experience in Toxicology, as previous experience is ESSENTIAL and candidates with significant experience will be given preferred consideration.
10. **What is CSU like in general?** As you may be aware, CSU's veterinary program was recently ranked as #3 in the nation by US News and World Report. For more information about the CSU campus, access the general website at <http://welcome.colostate.edu/>.
11. **How do I get around Fort Collins and the CSU campus?** There is a bus system that many students utilize, as well as well-designed bicycle lanes and paths throughout the city. Information on the Transfort system may be accessed at

<http://fcgov.com/transfort/>, and information on bicycling at <http://fcgov.com/bicycling/bike-maps.php>.

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