Deferral Policy

Policy for Requests for Deferral of DVM Admission:

Admitted DVM applicants may request a one-year deferral of their DVM admission. Each deferral request is reviewed by the DVM Admissions Office and may be granted for extenuating circumstances such as active military service, unique educational opportunity, fellowship program, or family or medical emergency.

If the deferral is approved, a deferral is granted for one year; a specified program, a specific tuition classification, and for a specified term of matriculation. Deferrals beyond one year are not allowed. Tuition classification cannot be changed through a deferral.

Candidates with an application in an approved deferral status are not eligible to submit a new/another DVM application to CSU during the deferral period.

If the acceptance letter stipulates successful completion of provisional coursework or any other provisional requirement, those requirements must be met for the deferral to be granted; requirements may not be postponed.

Applicant responsibilities include:

1) Submit a written request for deferment to the Office of DVM Admissions prior to May 15, or in the case of emergency as soon as the situation is known. The last day a deferral will be granted is the third Monday of the first fall semester. After this date, a student needing to leave the Program in their first semester must withdraw from the Program. Should the student wish to reenter the DVM Program, they must reapply as a new applicant. A student may request a one-year Leave of Absence only after successful completion of one semester.

2) Communicate successful completion of any provisional requirements to the Office of DVM Admissions (for example, submit an official transcript verifying successful completion of coursework).

3) Ensure that tuition classification/residency status will not be at risk due to participation in activities during the deferral period (for example, if traveling out of state for an extended educational opportunity).

4) If the deferral is approved, upon notification of the approval, a decision of “Decline” must be entered online and notification of the entry must be sent to the Office of DVM Admissions (dvmadmissions@colostate.edu).

5) If the student has financial aid, they must meet with a representative from CSU Office of Financial Aid to determine a loan management strategy. If a student is receiving WICHE support, they must contact their WICHE representative to report the deferral.