

Deferral Policy

Admitted DVM applicants may request a one-year deferral of their DVM matriculation. A deferral request will be reviewed by the DVM Admissions Committee. Deferral requests may be granted for “extenuating circumstances” such as active military service, unique educational opportunity, fellowship program, or family or medical emergency.

If the deferral request is approved, a deferral is granted for one year - for a specified program, for 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 offer letter stipulates successful completion of provisional coursework or any other provisional requirement, provisional requirements must be met for the deferral to be granted; provisional requirements may not be postponed.

Applicant responsibilities include:

- 1) Submit a written request for deferment:
 - Include justification for your request and explain how it meets extenuating circumstances
 - Submit via email to dvmadmissions@colostate.edu
 - Submit prior to May 15, or in the case of emergency as soon as the situation is known
- 2) The last day a deferral may 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 re-enter the Program, they must re-apply as a new applicant. A student may request a one-year Leave of Absence only after successful completion of one semester.
- 3) Communicate successful completion of any provisional requirements via email to dvmadmissions@colostate.edu - for example, submit an official transcript verifying successful completion of coursework.
- 4) 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.
- 5) If the deferral request is approved, upon notification of the approval, a decision of “Decline” must be entered on your Application Status page and notification must be sent via email to dvmadmissions@colostate.edu.
- 6) If the student has financial aid, they must meet with a representative from the 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.

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