

Phased Admissions Process – For Website Notification

NOTICE OF VETERINARY ADMISSIONS PROCESS CHANGES

Beginning fall 2009, the Office of Veterinary Admissions at Colorado State University has adopted a Phased Admissions process. The processing of veterinary applications and notifications of applicants has been divided into three phases. It is hoped this process will result in pre-January applicant notification for the majority of deny, alternate and admit decisions (WICHE notification dates are determined by the Boulder WICHE office and usually occur mid-January). Many denied candidates will know of their denials before winter break and can plan spring semester accordingly. Denied candidates will not need to submit concurrent fall transcripts, a time and cost savings. Admitted and alternate candidates will need to send fall transcripts (if fall courses were taken). File review appointments for denied and alternate candidates will begin as early as January, again allowing for more time for applicants who are not admitted to make plans well in advance of the next application cycle (should they plan to reapply).

Key Point 1: WICHE candidates are EXCLUDED from Phase Three deadlines because the timing of the admissions process is determined by the central WICHE office in Boulder, CO. WICHE candidates will be notified using the same system described herein, but the date of notification will most likely occur in mid-January 2010.

Key Point 2: The Veterinary Admissions Committee will not utilize concurrent fall transcripts as part of the evaluation process. Only admitted and alternate candidates must submit fall transcripts (by January 20, 2010). The CVMBS reserves the right to rescind an offer of admission or position in the DVM program if fall transcripts reflect dramatic negative changes in academic performance (if enrolled in fall courses).

Key Point 3: Only offered candidates will receive both hardcopy letters and email notifications. Deny notifications will be via EMAIL ONLY. Alternate notifications will be via the ADMISSIONS PORTAL ONLY. It is essential that all applicants keep their email address current with the Office of Veterinary Admissions -- and be sure to check email and the “Admissions Portal” regularly.

Explanation of Why CSU is Reducing the Number of Admissions Letter Notifications

- *Go Green! Reduced use of paper and other renewable resources.*

- *Immediacy! Applicants can see admissions decisions and status updates as they are posted in the system.*
- *Venue! Our online tool provides a convenient, centralized location for all admissions-related activities and decisions and is accessible by all applicants.*
- *Efficiency! Electronic communication circumvents problems with applicant address changes, travel, and study abroad – no delays in receiving information regardless of changes in applicant location after submission of application. It also decreases costs and avoids problems with mail delivery service/delays.*

Key Point 4: A multilevel communication “Admissions Portal” webpage is being developed. Applicants will be able to check their admissions status “real time,” e.g. as soon as decisions are made and entered into the admissions database. Applicants may know their status before receiving an email or letter. It will be important for applicants to check the “Admissions Portal” webpage regularly for updates and notifications.

Key Point 5: From the Admissions Portal site, applicants can link to the “Applicant Materials Status” webpage. This allows applicants to track application completion status, e.g. our receipt of your VMCAS, transcripts, application fee, letters of recommendation, and GRE scores. This site should be accessed regularly until a notice of “Application Materials Complete” has been posted for your application.

Description of Phases

1) Phase One = Notification/Deny of applicants who have incomplete applications

Date: By mid-October

These are candidates who did not submit the VMCAS and/or Colorado Supplemental applications by the deadline or who did not pay the application fee(s).

2) Phase Two = Combined Program candidate selection and identification and notification of Early Denies

Date: Mid-October to Mid-November

Combined Program Subcommittees will read, evaluate, and select candidates for positions in the DVM/PhD, MBA/DVM, and MPH/DVM programs. Denied and alternate combined program candidates will receive email notification at the conclusion of this process and will be informed they are moving to Phase Three in the regular admissions process. Admitted candidates will receive both email and official offer letters.

Colorado, WICHE, and Nonsponsored applicants who have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or less will be read during Phase Two. Some of these candidates will be returned to the regular pool (Phase Three) for review; some will be denied and will receive deny email notifications at the conclusion of this process.

3) Phase Three = Regular Applicant Review

***Date:** Mid-November to mid-December (mid-January for WICHE applicants)*

Colorado – Phase Three evaluations will result in the generation of alphabetized lists of candidates who are to be admitted or denied. A rank order list of alternates will be also created. Food Animal Veterinary Career Incentive program applicants will be evaluated as part of Phase Three (including any certified non-Colorado FAVCIP applicants). All Phase Three Colorado candidates who are accepted will receive offer letters and email notifications; alternate or denied candidates will receive only email notifications at the end of this period.

WICHE – Phase Three evaluations will result in a rank order list of all remaining WICHE-certified candidates (by WICHE state). WICHE applicants who did not receive a deny letter in Phase Two will be notified of their status in mid-January (date determined by the central WICHE office).

Non-Sponsored – Phase Three evaluations will result in a rank-order of candidates. All Phase Three Non-sponsored candidates who are accepted will receive offer letters and email notifications; alternate or denied candidates will receive only email notifications at the end of this period.

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