

Phased Admissions Process – For Website Notification

NOTICE OF VETERINARY ADMISSIONS PROCESS CHANGES

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 four 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. File reviews for denied and alternate candidates will begin as early as November, again allowing more time for applicants who are not admitted to make plans well in advance of the next application cycle (should they plan to reapply). All file reviews will be by email.

Key Point 1: Only offered and alternate candidates will be required to mail one official transcript from each university attended (to include fall semester 2010 – if fall courses were taken). These should be postmarked by January 20, 2011. The CVMBS reserves the right to rescind an offer of admission or position in the DVM program if fall transcripts reflect dramatic negative changes from previous academic performance or if official transcripts do not validate VMCAS course/grade listings.

Key Point 2: 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 2011.

Key Point 3: A multilevel online communication “admissions portal” is available. Applicants will be able to check their admissions status “real time,” e.g. as soon as decisions are made and recorded in the admissions database. Applicants may know their status before receiving an email or letter. It will be important for applicants to check the “DVM Admissions Portal” webpage regularly for updates and notifications.

Key Point 4: Only offered candidates will receive a hardcopy letter in addition to both an email and a portal notification. Deny and alternate candidates will receive an email and a portal notification. It is essential that all applicants keep their email

address current with the Office of Veterinary Admissions. Be sure to check email and the “DVM Admissions Portal” regularly.

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 application(s) by the deadline.

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 an email and a portal notification at the conclusion of this process and will be informed they are moving to Phase Three in the regular admissions process. Admitted combined program candidates will receive an official offer letter in addition to both an email and a portal notification.

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 and a portal notification 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 an official offer letter in addition to both an email and a portal notification; alternate and deny candidates will receive an email and a portal notification 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 via email/portal notification 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 an official offer letter in addition to both an email and a portal notification; alternate and deny candidates will receive an email and a portal notification at the end of this period.

4) Phase Four = Accepted Applicant Announcements

Date: Early-May to late August

In early May, only accepted candidates will have access to the DVM Admissions Portal. Accepted candidates will receive weekly announcements and reminders, via the portal, regarding registration, housing, orientation, book and supply purchases, etc. Alternate and deny applicants will not have access to the DVM Admissions Portal past early May.

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