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Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine Fact Sheet

What is MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine's (MSU CVM's) mission statement?

"The mission of the College of Veterinary Medicine is to develop a diverse academic community that fosters scholarly activity and encourages exemplary human qualities in order that the art and science of veterinary medicine may be imparted to students, expanded by research, and extended to the public for the benefit of animal and human health to meet the changing needs of Michigan, the nation, and the world."

Where can I find additional information about MSU CVM?

- MSU CVM Website: <http://cvm.msu.edu/>
- Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements (VMSAR):
<http://www.aavmc.org/Publications/VMSAR.aspx> (copies available in the CLAS Academic Advising Center!)

What are the admission statistics for the 2015 entering class?

- Number applied: **901**
- Number matriculated: **119** (71 Michigan Residents, 48 non-Michigan Residents) From GVSU: 3
- Number with Bachelor's degree: **116** With no degree: **3**

The following GVSU courses are prerequisites to MSU CVM's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program:

Science Prerequisites:

BIO 120: General Biology I

BIO 121: General Biology II

BIO 375: Genetics (**BIO 376:** Genetics Lab req'd at GV)

BIO 357: Environmental Microbiology

Or **BMS 212/213:** Introductory Microbiology w/lab

BIO 317: Animal Nutrition

BIO 405: Cell and Molecular Biology

PHY 220: General Physics I

PHY 221: General Physics II

MTH 122 and 123 or 125 or 201: College Algebra and Trigonometry, or Survey of Calculus or Calculus

CHM 115: Principles of Chemistry I

(**CHM 116:** Principles of Chemistry II is required for CHM 241/242 @ GVSU)

CHM 241: Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences I

CHM 242: Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences II

CHM 461: Biochemistry I

General Education Requirements:

WRT 150: Strategies in Writing

2 Social Science courses

2 Arts & Humanities courses

All prerequisite courses must be completed by the Spring Semester of the year of matriculation with a grade of 2.0 minimum. 50% of the science prerequisite courses must be complete at the time of application with a grade of 2.0 minimum.

Suggested course: VM 110 Vet Med Terminology at MSU can be taken as a guest student in summer

GRE

For the 2015 class, the average GRE scores were
Verbal:157, Quantitative: 156

MSU CVM accepts GRE scores up to five years old and in case of repeated scores, they will use the highest composite score.

****GRE results should be sent to MSU CVM, institution code 1572 and department code 0617.**

GPA

For the 2015 class, the average GPAs were as follows:

Science GPA: 3.57*

Last-3-Semester (36 credits min) **GPA: 3.74**

Cumulative GPA: 3.61

**The science GPA includes only MSU CVM's science prerequisite courses. They only use the most recent grade if you have repeated a science prerequisite.*

-Prospective students can determine their "Scholastic Indicator Score" via this website to see how competitive they are: <http://cvm.msu.edu/student-information/dvm-program-admissions/scholastic-indicator-score-calculator>

What else do I need to do to be a competitive applicant to MSU CVM?

Two MSU CVM faculty review the Supplemental Application and the VMCAS Application. They review the file to add value to the Scholastic Indicator Score based on five non-academic criteria which are:

- Breadth and depth of animal and veterinary experiences through time of application (future experiences not considered)**
- Agricultural background and/or food animal experience
- Diverse background, such as gained from cultural, career, or community service experiences
- Research experience
- Socio-economic (Family/Financial/Cultural) challenges or hardships that you have had to overcome while obtaining your education and how you overcame them.

Final selection is based on a combination of the SIS, evidence of significant accomplishments in one or more of the above listed non-academic criteria and how these have impacted you and will make you a better veterinarian, and performance in the Multiple-Mini Interview.

****The Committee on Student Admissions recommends that an applicant has at least 150 hours of experience working with a veterinarian. For the most recently admitted class, 50% of applicants had over 870 hours of veterinary experience individually at the time of application.**

What do I need to know about applying to MSU CVM?

Like most veterinary medical schools, MSU CVM uses **VMCAS** as their application server:

<http://www.aavmc.org/vmcas/vmcas.htm> .

You will be sent the **Supplemental Application** via e-mail during September or October. MSU CVM will send supplementals in batches as they receive verified applications from VMCAS. You will have seven days to complete the Application and return it to them electronically. A \$75 Supplemental Application fee will also be due at this time.

MSU CVM uses a **Multiple-Mini Interview (MMI)** format with 8-minute interviews at 7 stations, each with its own evaluator and scenario. The scenarios address attributes we believe are important in becoming a competent and caring veterinarian. Some of these are: communication, maturity, and cultural competence.

The application includes **three evaluations** of which one must be from a veterinarian you have worked with and/or has supervised you. Letters from family members and committee letters will **not** be accepted.

Tuition for 2015-2016 is \$29,220 (in-state).

What is it like to be a MSU CVM student?

Visit this link to review the MSU CVM curriculum: <http://cvm.msu.edu/student-information/dvm-program-admissions/curriculum>

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Admission Information Presentations are held six times a year for prospective applicants. Topics addressed in each presentation include: 1) the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), 2) the requirements for admission, and 3) the selection process. A tour of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital will be provided by members of Omega Tau Sigma (OTS) following the presentations.

