Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program

A primary objective of the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is to educate veterinarians for private practice. In addition, the professional curriculum provides an excellent basic biomedical education and training in diagnosis, disease prevention, medical treatment and surgery. Graduates are qualified to pursue careers in many facets of veterinary medicine and health-related professions.

Preparatory Requirements

In preparation for the professional DVM training the student must complete both prescribed and elective collegiate courses. The minimum prescribed preparatory studies, totaling 64 semester hours of undergraduate course work, can be completed in three calendar years. Most of the entering veterinary medical students in recent years have had three to four years of preparatory training, often earning a bachelor’s degree.

Admission Requirements

Collegiate course requirements for entry into veterinary medical college may be completed at any accredited university or college that offers the required courses. Pre-veterinary curricula are available at Oklahoma State University through the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and through the College of Arts and Sciences. Both offer programs of study in pre-veterinary medical sciences, which provide for the award of a bachelor’s degree after successful completion of the first or second year of veterinary medical studies.

Requests for information on pre-veterinary medical study programs and applications for admission to such programs should be addressed to the dean of either the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources or the College of Arts and Sciences.

Listed below are the minimum course prerequisites for consideration for admission to the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences:

- **English**—nine semester hours including six hours of composition and three hours of an English elective. Course work in speech or technical writing is encouraged.
- **Chemistry**—general inorganic chemistry including labs (9 hours); an organic chemistry series (8 semester hours) designed for pre-veterinary and pre-medical students that includes both the aliphatic and aromatic compounds or survey course with lab (5-8 hours); and 3 semester hours of biochemistry.
- **Physics**—Eight hours of general physics.
- **Mathematics**—three semester hours including statistics.
- **Biological science**—16 semester hours. Courses in zoology, general biology, microbiology and genetics are required. All courses, except genetics, must include laboratory work.
- **Animal Nutrition**—three semester hours of the basic principles of animal nutrition, including rumen digestion, absorption and metabolism of the various food nutrients and ration formulation. Courses in human nutrition are not acceptable.
- **Humanities and social science**—six semester hours.
- **Business electives**—although not required, courses in business are encouraged.

The information on admission requirements was current at the time of publication but is subject to change. The admission requirements are under annual review and changes may be made at any time.

**Scholarships**

The College has scholarships which may be available to matriculating veterinary medicine students; many are based on academic achievement.

**Application Process**

Admission is competitive and enrollment in veterinary medicine is restricted. Applications for admission must be submitted by September 15th, and a new class enters the College each year at the beginning of the subsequent fall semester.

Applicants who are legal residents of Oklahoma will be given first priority. In addition, a limited number of nonresidents will be selected. Questions about residency should be directed to the Office of the Registrar, Oklahoma State University. Requests for application materials should be directed to the Student Services Office, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

Students are admitted as candidates for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree on the basis of records of academic performance in preparatory studies, GRE test, and references to determine personal characteristics and career motivation. Details concerning admissions procedures are available via the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences website [www.cvhs.okstate.edu](http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu).

The veterinary curriculum extends over four calendar years. The first two academic years conform to the normal semester system of the University. The last two academic years are continuous, with the fourth starting shortly after completion of the third. The fourth year is clinical in nature and classes are primarily in the Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.
Hospital. The fourth year is organized into three-week rotations to provide for lower faculty-student ratio and more efficient use of clinical facilities and resources.

**Veterinary Medical Research Scholars**

Thanks to opportunities in research for veterinary students at OSU, those receiving degrees can qualify for ‘veterinary medical research scholar designation’ on the transcript, a valuable designation to achieve. To be considered, the student must:

a. For a minimum of two semesters or in full-time summer employment, be engaged in and contribute substantially to research or creative inquiry with a faculty mentor and/or faculty-led team. The supervising mentor may be employed at Oklahoma State University or at another university.

b. Present his or her research or creativity project at a state, regional or national conference or juried artistic venues such as art exhibitions, concerts or festivals;

c. Publish his or her work or a manuscript related to the creativity product in a refereed research or professional journal (or have it accepted for publication).

Applicants should apply through the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences and Recognition at least six weeks before the end of their studies at OSU. A committee appointed by the Faculty Council will examine the materials and determine whether or not the candidate will be approved and recognized.

For further information contact the office at 405.744.6595 or email chris.ross@okstate.edu.

**Academic Areas**

- Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program (http://catalog.okstate.edu/veterinary-health-sciences/veterinary-biomedical-sciences-graduate-program)
- Veterinary Clinical Sciences (http://catalog.okstate.edu/veterinary-health-sciences/veterinary-clinical-sciences)
- Veterinary Pathobiology (http://catalog.okstate.edu/veterinary-health-sciences/veterinary-pathobiology)

**Graduate Programs**

- Veterinary Biomedical Sciences, VBS (http://catalog.okstate.edu/veterinary-health-sciences/veterinary-biomedical-sciences-graduate-program)

**Faculty**

**Veterinary Pathobiology**

- Jerry Ritchey, DVM, PhD, DACVP—Professor and Department Head
- Anthony W. Confer, DVM, PhD, DACVP and Walter R. Sittlington Endowed Chair; Clinton J. Jones, PhD, and Sittlington Endowed Chair;
- Susan Little, DVM, PhD, DAVPC—Parasitology and Krull/Ewing Endowed Chair

**Professors:**

- Melanie Breshears, DVM, PhD, DACVP; Kenneth Clinkenbeard, DVM, PhD (emeritus);
- Jean M. d’Offay, DVM, PhD, DACVM; Richard W. Eberle, PhD; Robert W. Fulton, DVM, PhD, DACVM (emeritus);
- Katherine M. Kocan, MSPH, PhD (emerita);
- James H. Meinkoth, DVM, PhD, DACVP;
- Roger Panciera, DVM, PhD, DACVP (emeritus); Mason Reichard, PhD;
- Timothy Snider, DVM, PhD, DACVP

**Associate Professors:**

- Tom Oomens, PhD; Jared Taylor, DVM, MPH, PhD, DACVIM, DACVP
- Kelly Allen, MS, PhD; Craig Miller, DVM, PhD, DACVP; Akhilesh Ramachandran, BVS&CAH, PhD, DACV
- Todd Jackson, DVM, DACLAM; Theresa Rizzi, DVM, DACVP

**Clinical Associate Professors:**

- Keith Bailey, DVM, PhD, DACVP
- Susan E. Fielder, DVM, DACVP; Yoko Nagamori, DVM;
- Grant B. Rezabek, DVM, MPH

**Associate Research Professor:**

- Edmou Blouin, PhD (emeritus)

**Assistant Research Professor:**

- Sahlu Ayalew, PhD

**Residents:**

- Rory Chen, DVM; Ryan Kalish, DVM; Maggie McCourt, DVM;
- Sierra Salopek, DVM, Erin Stayton, DVM

**Post-Doctoral Fellows:**

- Kelly Harrison, PhD; Jeff Oster, PhD; Meriam Saleh, PhD; Lijian Zhu, MS, PhD

**Graduate Teaching Associates:**

- Nabin Poudel, BVSc; Laximani Sawant, BVSc, MVSc

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**Veterinary Clinical Sciences**

- Daniel J. Burba, DVM, DACVS, McCasland Professor of Biomedical Laser Surgery and Interim Department Head

**Regents Professor and Endowed Chairs:**

- Kenneth Bartels, DVM, MS, and Cohn Family Chair for Animal Care (emeritus);
- Melanie Boileau, DVM, MS, DACVIM, and Clinical Professorship in the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences;
- Daniel J. Burba, DVM, DACVS, and McCasland Endowed Chair;
- Danielle Dugat, Cohn Family Chair for Animal Care;
- Andrew Hanzlcek, DVM, MS, DACVIM, and Kirkpatrick Chair in Small Animal Medicine;
- Todd Holbrook, DVM, DACVM, DACVSMR, and Jack & June Jacobs Chair in Veterinary Medicine;
- G. Reed Holyoak, DVM, PhD, DACT—Bullock Professor;
- Michael D. Lorenz, DVM, DACVIM, and Regents Service Professor (emeritus);
- Lara Sypniewski, DVM, DABVP, and Henthorne Clinical Professorship

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- Joseph Alexander, DVM, DACVS (President, CIED) (emeritus);
- Kenneth Bartels, DVM, MS (emeritus);
- Lionel J. Dawson, BVSc, MS, DACT;
- Margi A. Gilmour, DVM, MS, DACV;
- Todd Holbrook, DVM, DACVIM, DACVSMR;
- G. Reed Holyoak, DVM, PhD, DACT—Bullock Professor;
- John P. Hoover, DVM, MS, DACVIM, DABVP (emeritus);
- Kip Lemke, DVM, MSC, DACVA;
- Charles G. MacAllister, DVM, DACVIM (emeritus);
- Mark Neer, DVM, DACVIM (emeritus);
- Richard Shawley, DVM, MS, DACVA (emeritus)

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- Robert J. Bahr, DVM, DACVR (emeritus);
- Melanie Boileau, DVM, MS, DACVIM;
- Mary H. Bowles, DVM, DACVIM (emeritus);
- Erik Clary, DVM, PhD, DACVS;
- Lyndi Gilliam, DVM, DACVIM;
- Nicola Di Girolamo, DVM, Msc, PhD, DECZM;
- Andrew Hanzlcek, DVM, MS, DACVIM, and Kirkpatrick Chair in Small Animal Medicine;
- Henry W. Jann, DVM, MS, DACVS, DACVSMR (emeritus);
- Meredith Jones, DVM, MS, DACVIM;
- John Kirkpatrick, DVM, DABVP (emeritus);
- Carolyn T. MacAllister, DVM (emeritus);
- Gregor L. Morgan, MVSc, PhD, DACT (emeritus);
- Michael J. Schoonover, DVM, MS, DACVS, DACVSMR (emeritus);

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- Danielle Dugat, DVM, DACVS;
- Candace Lyman, DVM, DACT;
- Shane Lyon, DVM, DACVIM;
- Laura Nafe, DVM, MS, DACVIM;
- Emily Sharpe, DVM;
- Megan Williams, DVM, DACVS

**Clinical Professor:**

- Marjorie Gross, DVM, MS, DACVA (emeritus)

**Clinical Associate Professor:**

- Patricia Cohn, DVM, PhD, DACLAM, Paul DeMars, DVM, CABVP;
- John Gilliam, DVM, DABVP, DACVIM; Robert Streater, DVM, MS, DACVIM;
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Lecturer: Julia Baldrighi, DVM, MS, PhD


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Pamela Lovern, PhD—Associate Professor and Coordinator of Graduate Studies

Physiological Sciences

Martin Furr, PhD—Professor and Department Head

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