Bozeman Site

Montana Cooperative Veterinary Medicine Program with Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine
FAQ #1

**Do Montana residents have to attend Montana State University, Bozeman as undergraduates to apply to the WIMU Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine – Bozeman site?**

No! We encourage all Montana residents to apply to our program, regardless of where they take undergraduate courses. No preference is given to applicants who attended MSU as undergraduates. All applicants must successfully complete 37 credits of math and science prerequisite coursework, and 27 credits of general education requirements (the 27 credit requirement will be considered fulfilled if you have a bachelor’s degree), prior to matriculation into the veterinary medical program. These courses can be taken at most two- and four-year institutions. All applicants must be certified as Montana residents through the Professional Student Exchange Program (mus.edu/psep).

FAQ #2

**How are students able to gain hands-on experience during their first year in Bozeman without a veterinary teaching hospital on site?**

All students in our program are required to take Introduction to Clinics during their first year. Veterinary students in Bozeman get hands-on experience at primary care veterinary clinics in the greater Bozeman area. Up to four hours per week can be spent at these off site locations. Some clinics encourage interested students to be “on call” for interesting after hours cases. Bozeman students learn animal handling and restraint, principles of surgery, and palpation skills in the Veterinary Clinic, Johnson Family Livestock Facility, and at local ranches. Multiple surgical and procedure set-ups allow small group sizes for an enhanced hands-on learning experience.

FAQ #3

**How much of the first year curriculum is taught on site by faculty at Montana State University?**

All core courses are taught on site by MSU faculty. Some elective courses, clubs, and specialized core course topics are taught via distance learning through multiple media venues. Bozeman students have access to taped lectures from the Logan and Pullman sites.
FAQ #4

Will I be as academically prepared as students in Pullman when I arrive at WSU?

Yes, you will be prepared. You might even be better prepared! The small class size facilitates discussion and question and answer sessions. Access to teaching faculty and a lot of one-on-one attention enhances and enriches the learning experience. Faculty at all three sites are teaching the courses with the same syllabi, the same course objectives, and co-written examinations.

FAQ #5

Will I feel like a freshman twice? How will I be integrated into years two through four in Pullman?

All WIMU students participate together in an orientation experience before the start of classes their first year. This builds relationships between incoming classmates and facilitates collaboration and camaraderie throughout the first year and beyond. Relationships are also enriched through class and club video streaming.

Johnson Family Livestock Facility and Veterinary Clinic

The Johnson Family Livestock Facility is a $3.4 million, 7,400 square foot Agriculture Biosafety Level 2 state-of-the-art facility. The adjacent Veterinary Clinic is a 2,500 square foot large animal handling facility recently remodeled specifically for the WIMU program. Students gain hands-on experience in procedure rooms, surgical suites, and laboratories. Small class sizes allow students to have one-on-one opportunities to enhance their animal handling and restraint skills, along with their surgical, anatomy, and palpation skills.

Molecular Biosciences Building

The Molecular Biosciences Building is a 40,000-square-foot research facility with modern research labs, core flow cytometry, and microscopy suites. A recently renovated anatomy lab and updated classrooms are dedicated to the WIMU Regional Program, including high-tech distance education capabilities. The building also houses administrative offices, a student lounge, and a study area.
“What really drew me to the Regional Program was the atmosphere. I felt like they wanted me to be here as much as I wanted to be here.”

- Sam Sroczyk (’19 DVM) from Montana

“I have appreciated the small class size and hands-on experience that I have in Montana as well as the close connections that we maintain with all of our classmates on the other two campuses.”

- Maddie Parker (’20 DVM) from Montana

“I chose WIMU because of its ability to offer a great veterinary education while immersing students in the Montana veterinary community, where I hope to return after graduation.”

- Garrett Ryerson (’20 DVM) from Montana

“You aren’t just a number or statistic in the WIMU program. You are an individual that is a part of a community that really cares about you and your well-being.”

- Ashlee Janitell (’19 DVM) from Montana
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