



Why the Montana Cooperative Program?



Montana State University (MSU) has joined the University of Idaho and Utah State University as partners with Washington State University (WSU) in its Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine to serve the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah. This innovative and highly successful program, known as the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (WIMU) Regional Program, has served hundreds of students in the Northwest and northern Rockies for nearly 40 years.

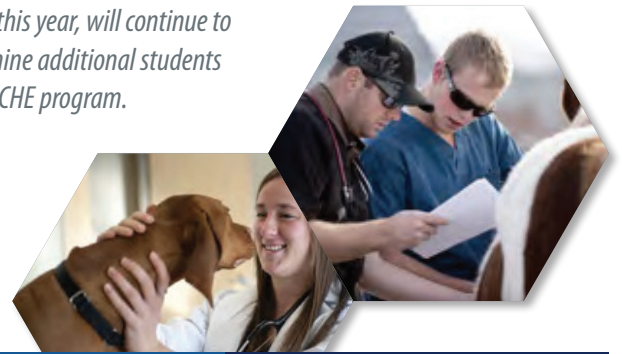
The Regional Program serves students with interests in all facets of the veterinary profession, whether they are interested in companion animals, equine, livestock, or exotics, in private practice, industry or academia, or whether they are unsure. The opportunities available for DVM education in this Regional Program prepare graduates for entry into any of the exciting dimensions of veterinary medicine.

Through this exciting regional expansion, students who are certified Montana residents apply for admission to enter first year studies in Bozeman. Up to ten Montana students spend their first year at Montana State University.* MSU faculty members from several

different departments teach the first year curriculum which includes Anatomy, Histology, Physiology, Neuroscience, Immunology, General Pathology, Professionalism and Ethics, Introduction to Clinics, and Principles of Surgery. In addition to investing in faculty, Montana State University has made significant investments in renovated and new facilities (Molecular Biosciences Building, Johnson Family Livestock Facility) to support the education of veterinary students.

Classroom and clinical study continue in years two and three on WSU's Pullman campus. Students have the opportunity to learn in a wide network of clinical placements throughout the four-state region during the fourth year.

**Montana, for this year, will continue to support up to nine additional students through the WICHE program.*



How to apply to the Montana DVM Program?

Montana resident applicants must fill out both a VMCAS (select Washington State University as your designated school) and a WSU/WIMU supplemental application. In addition, applicants must certify as Montana residents through the Montana Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) - information and application are found at mus.edu/psep (click on "Veterinary" under the blue "Application Materials" section on the left).

Why apply to the Montana DVM Program?

Small Class Size, Big Network. The small class sizes at the Montana State University campus will provide very personalized attention to student success while offering the same opportunities for professional growth and the development of clinical, leadership, and interpersonal skills as afforded all students across the Regional Program.

- Montana's small class size (up to 10 students) provides a friendly atmosphere and allows you to really get to know your professors and get one-on-one instruction.
- Students at the MSU location learn with faculty and classmates in Bozeman, Logan, and Pullman through faculty and student exchanges and real-time video conferencing and lectures.
- Montana students have access to all major education sites in the cooperative network, including primary care programs in partnership with the Seattle Human Society and Idaho Human Society, our satellite locations in Spokane, WA and Caldwell, ID, the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health in Pullman, WA, and the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Bozeman. They will also have access to a wide array of basic and clinical research opportunities throughout this network of four university partners.

Hands-on Experience. Students in the Regional Program gain hands-on experience early in the program. Courses in client communication, surgery skills, and business skills, along with diagnostic challenges, give our students the tools they need to succeed.

- Local practitioners provide personal hands-on experience for veterinary students in the greater Bozeman area.
- Montana specialists in internal medicine, pathology, radiology, surgery, lab animal medicine, and clinical practice participate and enrich the first year curriculum.
- All students participate in the Cougar Orientation Leadership Experience (COLE), which includes an on-site and off-site retreat designed to promote collaboration and team building. COLE brings students from different places and sets the foundation for cooperation and teamwork over the next four years.
- The hands-on approach at MSU continues in Pullman as faculty welcome and encourage students to spend time in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, on educational trips outside of the CVM, and in our Clinical Simulation Center.
- In addition to clinical rotations in WSU's world class Veterinary Teaching Hospital students also have opportunities to study in a wide network of clinical practice sites throughout the regional as we add more Montana practices and facilities to our fourth year curriculum.



“ I feel that the small class size gives us more hands-on experience. Our professors are able to take the time to ensure we are grasping the skills and concepts we will need to move forward as a group. ”

-Katlyn Tomschin ('18 DVM from Montana)

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