



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Hutson School of Agriculture

A VETERINARY SCHOOL AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

WHY NOW, WHY HERE?

AVMA-Accredited



OUR STORY

The Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program can meet the prerequisite requirements for any of the thirty-two veterinary schools in the nation. The Veterinary Technology Program is a four-year baccalaureate program with instruction in the health care of dogs, cats, laboratory animals, horses, cattle, sheep, swine and exotics. Both Programs allow students to apply technical skills and knowledge in the classroom and in real-world applications.



FACILITIES

The Veterinary Technology/Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program is located on the main farm complex in the A. Carman Animal Health Technology Center. The Center includes classrooms, faculty offices, laboratories, a pharmacy, a surgery suite, kennels and a radiology laboratory. There is access to the university farms, where students learn hands-on about different livestock species. The facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art supplies and equipment.



BREATHITT VETERINARY CENTER

The Breathitt Veterinary Center (BVC) is an AAVLD accredited laboratory in Hopkinsville, Kentucky and a critical piece of Kentucky infrastructure. BVC has the only Biological Safety Level 3 lab space dedicated to veterinary diagnostics in Kentucky. This lab provides services in food safety, public health, security, diagnostics, research and education. BVC has veterinary pathologists, microbiologists, toxicologists and other laboratory professionals on staff.

MURRAY STATE AND KENTUCKY GRADUATES ACCEPTANCE TO VET SCHOOL



In 2022, 37 Murray State students applied to veterinary school. 25 applied to Auburn University and the remaining 12 applied elsewhere. There were 136 total applicants from the state of Kentucky for Auburn University.



Acceptance rates to vet school for Murray State graduates varies between 50-65% with the highest being 70%. There are only 38 seats for Kentucky residents at Auburn University with 136 Kentucky applicants and only 90 interviews in 2022.

LARGE ANIMAL VET SHORTAGE

There are also shortages (of veterinarians) in rural America and in certain segments of veterinary medicine, such as food animal, equine, academia, shelters, emergency practices, specialties and public health that are caused and affected by factors unique to each of these segments. Future planning and solutions need to be targeted and directly address these factors.

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FACTS

- ✓ Murray State University has the largest Pre-Veterinary and Veterinary Technology Program in Kentucky
- ✓ Murray State University is one of only three AVMA-accredited Veterinary Technology Programs in Kentucky
- ✓ The Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program had 267 students and the Veterinary Technology Program had 167 students enrolled in the Fall of 2022

ENROLLMENT

- ✓ The Hutson School of Agriculture welcomed 294 new students at the 2023 Racer Nation Orientation
- ✓ The Hutson School of Agriculture currently has over 200 students enrolled in an agriculture graduate program
- ✓ Murray State University had more than 1,300 students enrolled in the Fall of 2023

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- ✓ Oakley Applied Science (Home of the Hutson School of Agriculture) has been approved for a \$12 million renovation
- ✓ The William “Bill” Cherry Expo Center has started renovations with \$4 million approved



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