MST/DVM Program FAQs
(Master in Toxicology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine)

1. **Is this for real?** Indeed it is! New this year, the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVMBS) and the Center for Environment Medicine (CEM), both at Colorado State University (CSU), have created a new program of study. In our first year, we will be accepting applications from outstanding international (nonresident, non-US citizen) students who express interest in the combined MST/DVM Program. Upon successful completion of the academic requirements of the MST Program, (usually two to three semesters), students will be granted admission to the DVM program and will pursue the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine.

2. **What is this program all about?** There is a continuing need for well-trained specialists in veterinary toxicology throughout the world in teaching, diagnostic, and research positions both in private and public institutions. The overall goal of this program is to produce well-trained students who will function effectively in a range of capacities that ensure human, animal, and environmental safety as well as meet some of the eligibility requirements for the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology certification examination.

3. **How much is this going to cost?** Admitted MST/DVM students are specifically offered a nonresident **Nonsponsored** position in the graduate Toxicology program and in the 4-year part of the DVM program. Please know, by state law, the tuition classification of Nonsponsored DVM student remains Nonsponsored for the duration of the combined program i.e. students cannot change their tuition classification once they matriculate in the DVM program. Updated tuition information for the graduate and DVM program can be found at [http://sfs.colostate.edu/costs/index.aspx](http://sfs.colostate.edu/costs/index.aspx). For the 2012-2013 academic year, current MST tuition and fees is $21,326 per year and current DVM Nonsponsored tuition and fees is $53,218 per year.

4. **Once I accept the offer, how do I enroll for summer/fall toxicology courses for the MST/DVM Program?** Accepted candidates for the combined MST/DVM Program will be required to complete the CSU Graduate School Application and meet the **TOEFL requirements** as set by the CSU Graduate School. (Accepted MST/DVM students will not need to resubmit transcripts or letters of recommendation, or have GRE scores sent again.) The MST/DVM essay (Colorado Supplemental Application) can be used as the personal statement in the CSU Graduate School Application. If you have any questions about the online graduate application please contact Jeanne Brockway at CSU 970-491-5003. There is a $50 non-refundable fee for the online graduate application.
5. **Do I have to apply again to the Professional Veterinary Medical Program?** No! All students who are admitted to and successfully complete the MST part of the combined program will be automatically admitted to the DVM Program the following year. However, students will be asked to update the Colorado Supplemental Application (personal contact information and tuition classification sections in the prior year’s application) and re-submit it online before the October 2, 2013 at 11:00am (MT) deadline. No additional application fees are required.

6. **What is the curriculum of the MST Program?** The general requirements and coursework can be viewed at [http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/ns/departments/erhs/cem/masters_professional.aspx](http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/ns/departments/erhs/cem/masters_professional.aspx).

7. **If I receive an offer to the MST/DVM program, will my application still be evaluated in the regular admissions pool?** No. If a candidate receives an OFFER to the MST/DVM program, he/she will not be further considered in the regular admissions pool, regardless of whether or not he/she accepts or declines the offer. If an applicant indicates that s/he wishes to be considered for the combined program but is designated as an alternate or a deny, his/her application will automatically be considered in the regular DVM admission cycle.

8. **Must I have completed my undergraduate degree in order to be admitted to the combined program?** Yes, although a candidate may be accepted to the DVM Program without completing a Bachelor degree, it is still required in order to begin the MST Program. Application for admission to the combined MST/DVM Program may be made prior to receiving an undergraduate degree, but the Bachelor degree must have been awarded prior to matriculation in to the MST/DVM Program.

9. **Do you have any hints for what should be covered in the separate narrative submitted as part of my Combined Program application?** Applicants to the Combined Program must submit a separate narrative that specifically addresses their motivations for participating in the MST/DVM program and what they hope to gain through this combined program versus a veterinary program only. Tell us how you think the combined training will affect your career and how your career as a veterinarian with a MS-Toxicology degree might contribute to our profession. Tell us what you know about the importance of toxicology training to the role of veterinarians. Tell us what past experiences in your life have contributed to your interest in both toxicology and veterinary medicine. Perhaps they were work experiences/observations/collegiate training in Toxicology, Pharmacology, Pathology, or other areas. It is very important to summarize your work experience, as well as complementary experience in Toxicology, as previous experience is ESSENTIAL and candidates with significant experience will be given preferred consideration.

10. **What is CSU like in general?** As you may be aware, CSU's veterinary program was recently ranked as #3 in the nation by US News and World Report. It is the anchor to the CSU campus. For more information about the CSU campus, access the general website at [http://welcome.colostate.edu/](http://welcome.colostate.edu/).
11. **How do I get around Fort Collins and the CSU campus?** There is a bus system that many students utilize, as well as well-designed bicycle lanes and paths throughout the city. Information on the Transfort system may be accessed at [http://fcgov.com/transfort/](http://fcgov.com/transfort/), and information on bicycling at [http://fcgov.com/bicycling/bike-maps.php](http://fcgov.com/bicycling/bike-maps.php).