

Timeline for AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) accreditation

- A written request for a consultative site visit is made through the AVMA Council on Education (COE).
- A self-study is submitted at least 12 weeks prior to a consultative site visit, answering questions outlined in the following standards set forth by the AVMA COE:
 - o Organization
 - o Finances
 - o Physical Facilities and Equipment
 - o Clinical Resources
 - o Information Resources
 - o Students
 - o Admission
 - o Faculty
 - o Curriculum
 - o Research Programs
 - o Outcomes Assessment

Information from the consultative site visit and self-study are used to note any deficiencies in the plan.

- A comprehensive site visit is requested after any deficiencies from the consultative site visit were addressed, with submission of another self-study no less than 12 weeks prior to the comprehensive site visit.
- Information from the self-study, the comprehensive site visit, and the report of evaluation are utilized to determine if Murray State is granted a Letter of Reasonable Assurance.

Once a Letter of Reasonable Assurance is obtained, Murray State can recruit and advertise for students.

- Biannual reports are submitted to the COE. Provisional Accreditation is granted on the date that the initial class of students matriculate. Provisional Accreditation can last for five years.

To achieve initial accredited status, there can be no minor or major deficiencies with the AVMA COE standards, which includes a pass rate on the NAVLE (North American Veterinary Licensing Exam) of 80%.

- Site visits are conducted during the following times for the initial class:
 - o The first semester of the second year

- o The second half of the final year

Thereafter, annual reports are submitted and site visits are conducted every seven years.

Veterinary Sciences Building

We are currently finishing all pre-construction activities necessary to begin construction in the spring of 2026 for a new Veterinary Sciences building, and are slated to break ground in April 2026. This building will be utilized by our undergraduate students (majoring in Veterinary Technology and Pre-Veterinary Medicine) and our veterinary students.

The soon to be completed 12-month design process is currently being performed by an external design professional team led by Hafer. Hafer, who has significant experience in high design/high quality education environments throughout the region, has Susan Sharp Design as a design specialization consultant. Susan Sharp Design is a leader in the design of veterinary education environments and has completed projects for multiple academic institutions across the country. The design professional team's tasks involve identifying and quantifying programmatic needs, consideration of programmatic adjacencies in plan, the development of schematic design documents, design development documents, and construction documents. Construction is estimated to be a 24-month process.

Curriculum

In addition to the steps of seeking AVMA accreditation, we will also be submitting a proposal for a new program in our curriculum management software. Each course that is outlined in our Curriculum Digest will also need to be uploaded (there are 74 pre-clinical year courses and nine clinical year courses). With each course, we will include a course description, credit hours, course objectives, pre-requisites, etc.

Additionally, we will need to notify Murray State University's institutional accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) regarding the College of Veterinary Medicine and submit a program prospectus.

Work for these items will begin soon, with an approximate deadline of submission in Kuali by the fall 2027 semester.

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