

Diploma in Veterinary Nursing

(Level 6)

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| Wintec code: | SC1002 | MoE: | WK2622 |
| Level: | 6 | Credits: | 120 |
| Owner: | Centre for Science and Primary Industries | Effective Date: | July 2015 |

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations.

1. Admission and Entry

1.1 General Academic Admission

- a) Candidates are required to have gained:
 - i) the Certificate in Veterinary Nursing (Level 5) with a B average or higher, **or**
 - ii) a qualification considered equivalent to the above by the Centre Director.

1.2 Special Admission

Domestic applicants aged 20 years or above who have not met the General Admission or entry requirements for a programme but whose skills, education or work experience indicate that they have a reasonable chance of success¹ may be eligible for Special Admission. Special admission will be granted at the discretion of the relevant Head of School/Centre Director or designated nominee. Such applicants may be required to successfully complete a foundation, bridging or tertiary introductory programme as a condition of entry into higher level programmes.

1.3 Provisional Entry

Domestic applicants aged under 20 years who have not met the general academic admission and entry criteria for a programme but who can demonstrate a reasonable chance of success through other educational attainment and/or work or life experience may be eligible for provisional entry at the discretion of the relevant Head of School/Centre Director or designated nominee. Provisional entry places restrictions on re-enrolment to be lifted if the applicant's performance is deemed satisfactory by the relevant Head of School/Centre Director or designated nominee.

1.4 Selection Criteria

- a) Candidates may be interviewed and the following will be considered in the selection process:
 - i) a level of educational attainment that indicates likely success in the programme;
 - ii) good communication skills;
 - iii) an interest and desire to work in animal care or the veterinary industry which can be demonstrated through employment, voluntary work, or other experience with animals;
 - iv) personal qualities including responsibility, teamwork and practical orientation.

¹ [Education Act 1989 Section 224 \(3\)](#)

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- b) To meet legal and health requirements, candidates must be physically able to carry out the practical components of the programmes, including the ability to perform practical demonstrations and assessments. Candidates with disabilities are eligible to enrol in this programme and will be provided with the necessary resources to attain the learning outcomes where practicable, but at the time of enrolment must notify the Equity/Disability Co-ordinator of their needs.
- c) Prior to commencing the programme all candidates will be required to undertake a Police check at a level sufficient for safe and effective practice within the field of veterinary nursing.
- d) All candidates will be required to make a declaration they are physically able to safely handle and restrain domestic animals and that they have no known health condition that could preclude their close proximity to the common range of animals.

1.5 English Language Requirements

Candidates who have English as a second language are required to have an International English Language Test System (IELTS) score of 6.0, with no individual band lower than 5.5; or equivalent.

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1 100% transfer of credit is available for this programme (both formal transfer of credit and recognition of prior learning).

3. Programme Requirements

- 3.1 Each candidate shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Board follow a programme of study of normally not less than one year full-time or the equivalent in part-time study.
- 3.2 Each candidate's programme of study shall comprise compulsory and elective modules as specified in Section 6 of these regulations and totalling 120 credits, as follows:
 - a) Compulsory modules in Group A totalling 90 credits; **and**
 - b) Elective modules in Group B totalling a minimum of 30 credits; **and**
 - c) A minimum of five Level 6 modules from Groups A and B.
- 3.3 Candidates must attend a minimum of 75% of each module.

4. Completion of the Programme

- 4.1 Candidates may take up to four years to complete this programme unless an extension is granted by special permission of the Centre Director.

5. Award of the Qualification

- 5.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements in sections 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 will receive the award of the Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6).

6. Schedule of Modules

Group A Compulsory Modules

| Module Code | Module Name | Level | Credits | Pre-Requisites | Co-Requisites | Associated Unit Standard + Version |
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Programme Regulations for:

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| SCTV550 | Office Management | 5 | 15 | | | |
| SCTV590 | Work Placement | 5 | 15 | | | |
| SCTV610 | Intensive Care and Hospitalisation | 6 | 15 | | | |
| SCTV620 | Advanced Surgical Nursing | 6 | 15 | | | |
| SCTV630 | Advanced Animal Behaviour | 6 | 15 | | | |
| SCTV660 | Preventative Health and Disease Management | 6 | 15 | | | |

Group B Elective Modules

Two of the following modules must be completed:

| Module Code | Module Name | Level | Credits | Pre-Requisites | Co-Requisites | Associated Unit Standard + Version |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| SCTV640 | Advanced Diagnostic Techniques | 6 | 15 | | | |
| SCTV650 | Equine Science | 6 | 15 | | | |
| SCTV670 | Advanced Breeding | 6 | 15 | | | |