

Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing [BVN]

To be read in conjunction with Unitec's Academic Statute and associated Policies and Procedures.

These programme regulations apply to Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing [BVN] programme, which leads to the award of the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing (Level 7), (360 Credits) [Ref:3995] qualification.

These regulations come into effect from Semester 2, 2021.

1. Ngā Ture Hei	To be eligible for admission to this programme, all applicants must meet three admission
Whakaurunga	requirements:
Admission	a. Requirements for either general admission, special admission, or discretionary admission
Requirements	b. Any additional Programme specific requirements
	c. English language requirements
Admission	1.1.Whethermore White and Concrete Administration
Requirements comply with	1.1 Whakaurunga Whānui General Admission To be admitted to this programme all applicants must be at least 16 years of age on the date of the
Unitec's Admission	programme's commencement for the semester in which they wish to enrol (or provide a completed
Requirements	Early Release Exemption form), and meet the following requirements:
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Guidennesi	A minimum of 42 credits at NCEA Level 3 or higher on the National Qualifications Framework, with
	14 credits at Level 3 or higher in each of two science-related subjects, with a further 14 credits at
	Level 3 or higher taken from no more than two additional domains on the National Qualifications
	Framework;
	And
	a minimum of 14 credits at Level 1 or higher in Mathematics or Pangarau on the National
	Qualifications Framework;
	And
	a minimum of 8 credits at Level 2 or higher in English or Te Reo Maori; a minimum of 4 credits must
	be in Reading and a minimum of 4 credits must be in Writing;
	Or
	At least 3 'C' passes in the New Zealand University Bursaries Examinations in science or health
	science related field, where appropriate or equivalent; O r
	Successful completion of an appropriate qualification at Level 3 or above in a science or health
	science related field, where appropriate or equivalent;
	Or
	Equivalent.
	1.2 Whakaurunga Motuhake Special Admission
	Applicants must have:
	a. attained the age of 20 years on or before the first day of the semester in which study for the
	programme is to commence; and
	b. provided sufficient evidence of aptitude or appropriate work or other life experience that
	would indicate a successful outcome in the qualification.
	1.3 Whakaurunga Kōwhiringa Discretionary Admission
	In exceptional cases an applicant who does not meet the general admission requirements and who
	has not reached the age of 20 on or before the first day of the semester in which study for the Certificate is to commence may apply for discretionary admission. Applicants must have:
	A minimum of 68 credits at NCEA Level 2 in their best four subjects;
	Or
	Have a maximum total of 12 in New Zealand Sixth Form Certificate in their best four subjects;
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	Or
	Equivalent.
	In assessing whether to grant discretionary admission in exceptional cases, the primary focus will be on the applicant's level of preparedness for study at the required level
	1.4 Whakaurunga Tautui Programme Specific Requirements In addition to meeting the requirements for general, special, or discretionary admission, applicants must:
	a. have completed at least three days' work-experience in a veterinary clinic before applying for this programme
	AND b. provide:
	 a letter of recommendation from the clinic at which they completed their work experience; a reference from an employer where the prospective student has worked with the public; and
	iii. a reference from a teacher (or similar) attesting to the applicant's social skills.AND
	 c. sign a consent form that allows Unitec to complete a search of a Ministry of Justice convictions database
	 In the event this search uncovers any un-declared convictions, the relevant application will be referred to the Admissions Committee. AND
	 d. provide a completed medical declaration indicating there is no evidence of a medical condition that will affect their ability to practice safely as a veterinary nurse; OR
	Successfully completed the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology Level 5 or equivalent OR
	Successfully completed the New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing Level 6 or equivalent.
	Applicants whose veterinary nursing qualifications include credits at Level 4 may be admitted to the <i>Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing</i> following successful completion of additional courses from the NZCAT or NZDVN schedule as required.
	1.5 Whakaurunga Reo Pākehā English Language Admission Requirements: Applicants must have achieved a minimum standard of English as demonstrated by a minimum of 8 credits at NCEA Level 2 in English (4 in Reading, 4 in Writing).
	International applicants must also provide evidence that they have the necessary English language proficiency required for the Programme as demonstrated through the use of evidence of one of the kinds described in NZQA Rules on the Unitec English Language Requirements for International Students Web-page.
2. Paearu Kōwhiri Tukanga Selection Criteria & Process	2.1 Paearu Kōwhiri Selection Criteria When the number of eligible applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following selection criteria will be applied:
Selection Criteria	 previous academic history; motivation to complete the programme;
and Processes	 written and verbal communication skills; and
comply with Unitec's Admission Requirements	• general aptitude Applicants who meet the maximum number of listed criteria will be the preferred candidates.
Guidelines	2.2 Tukanga Kōwhiri Selection Process
	Selection will be made by Unitec staff members with the delegated authority to offer places to applicants. These staff members will select students on the basis of written information supplied on the enrolment form. At the discretion of the staff members, an interview (face-to-face or electronic)

may be required. A list of delegated staff members is maintained by the Programme Academic Quality Committee (PAQC) responsible for the programme.

3. Ngā Ture Hei Whakawhiwhi Tohu Mātauranga | Requirements for the Award of the Programme 3.1 Whakaemi Tūtukitanga | Credit Accumulation

To be awarded the *Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing*, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 360 credits in the pattern set out in Table 1 from the courses set out in Table 2. Table 1: Credit Requirements for Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing

Level	Compulsory Credits	Elective Credits	Total Credits
5	120		120
6	135		135
7	75		75
6 or 7		30	30
			360

Requirements for the award of this Qualification complies with Unitec's Programme Completion and Awards Policy and associated procedure.

Table 2: Course Details – **Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing** Compulsory courses are shown in **bold** and Elective courses in *italics*

Course No	Course Name	Credits	Pre- requisites	Co-requisites	Restrictions
Level 5					
NSCI5702	Introduction to Animal Behaviour and Welfare	15			
NSCI5705	Animal Clinical Care	15			
NSCI5710	Animal Clinical Care Practicum	30		NSCI5705	
NSCI5711	Veterinary Anaesthetic and Surgical Procedures	15			
NSCI5712	Introduction to Veterinary Clinical Practice	15			
NSCI5720	Vertebrate Anatomy and Physiology	15			
NSCI5738	Principles of Animal Husbandry	15			
Level 6					
NSCI6101	Veterinary Medical and Surgical Care Practicum	30	NSCI5702 & NSCI5705 & NSCI5710 & NSCI5711 & NSCI5712 & NSCI5720 & NSCI5738	NSCI6104	
NSCI6102	Animal Disease and Pharmacology	15	NSCI5720 OR (NSCI5103 and NSCI5104)		
NSCI6103	Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging	15	NSCI5720 OR (NSCI5103 and NSCI5104)		
NSCI6104	Veterinary Medical and Surgical Care	30	NSCI5702 &		

			NSCI5705 & NSCI5710 & NSCI5711 & NSCI5712 & NSCI5720 & NSCI5738		
NSCI6300	Veterinary Anaesthesia	15	NSCI5702 & NSCI5705 & NSCI5710 & NSCI5711 & NSCI5712 & NSCI5720 & NSCI5728		
NSCI6504	Veterinary Laboratory Procedures	15	NSCI5720 OR (NSCI5103 and NSCI5104)		
NSCI6730	Research Methods	15			
NSCI6731	Companion Animal Behaviour	15			
NSCI6732	Animal Health and Welfare	15			
NSCI6737	Animal Breeding and Nutrition	15			
NSCI6741	Vertebrate Physiology	15			
NSCI6739	Behavioural Ecology	15			
NSCI6738	Captive Wild Animal Management	15			
NSCI6747	Pacific Veterinary Nursing Practicum	15	NSCI5710		
NSCI6105	Intro to Veterinary Nursing of Exotic Companion Animals	15	NSCI5738 and NSCI5720		
Level 7					
NSCI7101	Global Issues in Animal Welfare	15			
NSCI7109	Evidence-based Veterinary Nursing	15			
NSCI7731	Negotiated Research	30		NSCI6730	
NSCI7421	One Health	15			
NZSI7103	Anthrozoology	15			
NSCI7106	Applied Animal Behaviour Science	15			
NSCI7810	Internship	15			
NSCI7811	Advanced Anaesthesia and Analgesia	15	NZDVN or equivalent		

students seeking to pursue practice management may select business courses, while other students may choose to pursue a different area of interest by studying courses from other Pathways.

3.2 Mahi Waehanga Pāhekoheko | Integrated and Work-based components

	 Students must attend 100 per cent of work-based/clinical practice components for the following courses: a. NSCI5710: Animal clinical care practicum (total of 240 clinical hours); b. NSCI6101: Veterinary medical and surgical care practicum (total of 240 clinical hours) Any student who does not meet this requirement will need to follow the process for Affected Performance Consideration (APC) AND make up clinical hours as determined by the Academic Programme Manager. 3.3 Mahi Akoranga I A Wāhanga Course Load per Semester The normal full-time course load is 60 credits per semester, or 75 credits with the approval of the relevant academic authority. 3.4 Whakaurunga Takiwā Enrolment Periods The normal enrolment period is 3 years (full-time study) or 6 years (part-time study). Students who are prevented by ill health, or other cause, from completing the programme requirements within the maximum period of enrolment, the relevant academic authority may approve suspension of enrolment for up to a maximum of 12 months
	 3.5 Whakawhiwhi Tāpiripiri Additional Awards 3.5.1 Exit Award To be awarded the Exit Award of New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology [NZ2490; Ver:1] (Level 5, 120 credits) OR New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing [Ref: 2491; Ver:1] (Level 6, 120 credits), student must have: a. accumulated the number and level of Credits described in the regulations of that Qualification; and
	 b. lodged a completed application to be awarded the Milestone Award with the Graduation Office; and c. as part of the application, declared that he or she does not currently intend to enrol or continue in the study of the Qualification. An exit award will not be awarded to any Student who has, at the time of application for the award or at the time of the award, enrolled in future semesters for any Course which is part of the Qualification.
	 3.5.2 Senior Scholar Award To be eligible for consideration to receive a Senior Scholar Award a student must have: a. achieved a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 8.0 (there is no rounding) or better across all degree courses for which s/he has been assessed in the programme; and b. achieved at least 2/3 of the total credits for the degree through enrolment in Unitec courses (i.e. have achieved no more than 1/3 of the credits by cross credits from another institution or by the assessment of prior learning).
4. Tūtukitanga Whakamihi Credit Recognition Credit Recognition regulations comply with Unitec's Assessment, Moderation and Grades Policy and associated	 4.1 Whakawhiti Tūtukitanga Cross Credit a. Credits will not be awarded for successful study that took place more than 5 years prior to the date of first enrolment in the programme. b. A student may be awarded credits or exemptions in recognition of successful equivalent study, at the same or a higher level in the context of another programme. c. The credit recognition may be: i. specified, where there is direct equivalence of the learning outcomes of a completed course and a course in the programme; or ii. unspecified, where the previous study has taken place in a programme with a similar philosophy but there is no exact match in the programme's courses.
associated procedure.	4.2 Aromatawai Tōmua Assessment of Prior Learning (APL) Assessment of Prior Learning is available for all courses in this programme. APL decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis under the Unitec Assessment of Prior Learning Procedure.

4.3 Ngā whakawhitinga | Credit Transfer

Students enrolling in the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing will receive credit for courses completed as part of the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5, 120 credits) [NZCAT] and/or the New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6, 120 credits) [NZDVN]. The specific courses are identified on the table below.

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		NSCI5702	Introduction to Ar	imal Behaviour and Welfare	15
		NSCI5705	Animal Clinical Car	re	15
	NZCAT	NSCI5710	Animal Clinical Car	re Practicum	30
		NSCI5711	Veterinary Anaest	hetic and Surgical Procedures	15
		NSCI5712	Introduction to Ve	terinary Clinical Practice	15
		NSCI5738	Principles of Anim	al Husbandry	15
		NSCI6104			30
			-	al and Surgical Care al and Surgical Care Practicum	
	NZDVN	NSCI6101	-	-	30
		NSCI6102	Animal Disease an		15
		NSCI6103	Veterinary Diagno		15
		NSCI6300	Veterinary Anaest		15
		NSCI6504	Veterinary Labora	tory Procedures	15
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	Grade	Meaning	Criteria
	CR	Credit Recognition	The student has applied for and been awarded a credit recognition from another qualification
	CTG	Continuing	The Course runs for more than one semester and the final Summative Assessment has not yet occurred. No Credits earned
	DEF	Deferred	The student has approval to complete a Course Assessment beyond the schedule date. Unless an exception has been approved, any Deferred Grade remaining on a student's record beyond a duration equal to that of the original course will be changed to the grade to which the Student would otherwise be entitled. No Credits earned.
	DNC	Did not Complete	The grade DNC (Did Not Complete) is recorded if a student has either withdrawn after 75% of the scheduled Course duration; or not attempted a compulsory item of Assessment within a Course. No Credits earned.
	ES	Student Exchange	The Student has completed an approved inter-institutional exchange and it is not appropriate for another grade to be awarded. No Credits earned.
	NGA	No Grade Associated	Course assessment and reporting of results are not required for this course or are carried out by an external agency. No Credits earned
	R	Restricted Pass	The student has been awarded a restricted pass subject to Relevant clause in this schedule. Credits earned.
	w	Withdrawn	The student withdraws from a Course after 10% of the scheduled Course duration and up to, or at, the date at which 75% of the scheduled Course has passed. No credits earned.
	#	Estimated Grade	If any portion of Summative Assessment has been estimated, the final grade will be an estimated grade, and annotated "#" on the Student's Academic Record.
6. Aromatawai Mahinga Assessment Procedures	Courses e not contr	ribute to the final grade f	rse Assessment nd summative assessment activities. Formative assessments do for a given course. All summative assessment elements are roved and noted in course information.
Assessment Procedures comply with Unitec's Assessment	any cours	se. Students who do not	lsory assessment activities in order to pass and receive credit for attempt a compulsory item of assessment may be awarded a 'Dic e course and may not earn any credits.
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	a. The each	due dates for all summat course.	sion and late submission of work ive assessment work will be notified at the commencement of
	pena		itted late (and does not have a prior approved extension) will be .0% per day of the participants assignment mark, up to five (5)

- *c.* Applications for extensions must be made in writing to the relevant Academic Authority responsible for the assessment at least 24 hours before the due date. All applications must be accompanied by supporting evidence. An extension of up to five days may be awarded.
- d. Any extension will be carried out within a specified time period as agreed with the relevant academic authority and no further extensions will be granted.
- e. No assignment will be accepted five (5) days (inclusive of weekends) after the due date. If the assessment is not compulsory, the participants will receive a 'zero' grade for that assignment. If the assignment is compulsory, then the participants will receive a Did Not Complete (DNC) grade for the entire course.

6.4 Whakamātautau Anō | Resubmission or Reassessment:

A student may apply to undertake a resubmission/reassessment for a failed assessment within 5 days of receiving their marked assessment. Award of a re-sit and/or re-submission is offered at the point of course results ratification at the end of each semester.

- a. Students are entitled to only one reassessment or resubmission per course.
- b. Resubmission/Reassessment is not available for any controlled assessments (i.e. tests, and examinations).
- c. All resubmissions/reassessments will be carried out within a specified time period as agreed with the relevant academic authority.
- d. In all cases for resubmission, the original marked assignment will accompany resubmitted assignments. If resubmitted work is not accompanied by the original marked assignment, the resubmitted work will not be marked and the original grade will stand.
- e. The maximum grade for any resubmission/reassessment of an assessment is the lowest pass grade.
- f. Assignments that are handed in late are not eligible for resubmission or reassessment

6.5 Ahuatanga Aromatawai Motuhake | Affected Performance Consideration:

A student may apply for Affected Performance Consideration (APC) if:

- The student is unable to attend an examination, compulsory assessment or fixed time and place assessment activity due to illness, injury, bereavement or other critical circumstances
- The student's preparation for, or performance in an examination or any summative assessment has been seriously impaired due to circumstances beyond their control

Applications for APC are made by a student within 5 working days of the affected assessment event. Decisions to approve an APC and to apply any remedy are made according to the Assessment and Grading Procedures and Regulations.

6.6 Pāhi Rāhui | Restricted Pass

A restricted pass may be awarded in a course which was narrowly failed and where there is ample evidence that marginal failure is compensated by good overall performance.

- a. A restricted pass is awarded at the discretion of the relevant academic authority and may not be applied for directly by a student.
- b. The relevant academic authority may, at their discretion, use a restricted pass to:
 - set conditions for future performance in other courses;
 - prevent a student from using a restricted pass to meet the prerequisite requirements of another course.
- c. A student may decline the award of a restricted pass by notifying the relevant academic authority in writing not later than 20 working days from notification of the results.

6.7 Tuaruatanga | Repeating Courses

Students who are repeating a Level 1–8 course would normally be required to submit all assessment items. In some cases, with the prior approval of the relevant academic authority, students may not be required to repeat an equivalent assessment item that they had previously passed. This should be negotiated within the first two weeks of the commencement of the course and will specify any course grade that will be carried over.

	Students may enrol and repeat a course that they have failed only once. Permission to enrol for a third time is governed by Exclusion provisions below.
	 6.8 Whakakorenga Exclusions No student will be allowed to enrol in any course more than twice unless there are exceptional circumstances approved by the relevant academic authority. a. Any Student who fails to achieve at least 50 per cent of the credits that he or she is enrolled in in any 12-month period may be excluded by the relevant Academic Authority from re-enrolling in any further courses. The decision whether students can re-enrol in further courses will be based on a student's likelihood of succeeding in further study and will be made by the relevant Head of School. b. When calculating the 12-month period in a. above, Unitec reserves the right to include any relevant time spent by the Student studying at another tertiary institution. c. A Student who has not achieved a Pass Grade in the same Course on two occasions shall not be enrolled again for that Course except with the permission of the relevant Academic Authority. d. The relevant Academic Authority will advise the Student in writing of their decision, and the reasons for such decision, and any orders made. 6.9 Examination Regulations All formal examinations in this programme are governed by the Unitec Examinations Regulations; 6.10 Tono Pira Appeals Students may appeal the decisions made under these regulations in accordance with the Student Appeal Procedure.
7. Whakarite Whānui Ge Provisions	
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