



COVID 19:

Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing (BSc)

The University's current regulations are temporarily qualified by this document for the 2020/21 academic year. The changes are represented by red underlined text.

1. These regulations cover all variants of the Veterinary Nursing BSc degrees
2. For the purpose of these regulations 'the University' shall include those surgeries and practices that the University may use regularly or occasionally.

Admission

3. To be eligible for admission to the BSc programmes, candidates shall have such qualifications and experience as described in the relevant Admissions Statements.

Programme Structure

4. These are modular, professional programmes. The standard curriculum shall extend over not less than four years. Information on the programme structures and units is provided in the University's Programme Catalogue.
5. The next year shall not normally be entered upon until that which precedes it has been successfully completed. Students must attend the prescribed units and may not take courses elsewhere in place of units or elements provided unless approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences. Exceptionally, due to COVID-19 in 19-20, OSCE's related to the 19-20 Clinical Nursing Practice Unit in Year 3 must be passed prior to completion of the programme.

Fitness to Practise

6. Students are subject to the University's Fitness to Practise requirements.

Assessment

7. The Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes (referred to throughout these Regulations as "the Code") will apply to this degree, except where separate provision is made below
8. The pass mark for each unit is 40. All units, and all components of each unit, are must pass. There is no compensation permitted between units, or between components of a unit.
9. Each year shall comprise a range of assessments and shall cover those units or elements studied during the year. The assessment for units that contribute formally to the curriculum for the degree may comprise several components, which may include a mid-session examination, directed self-education assessment and a final examination, together with practical or other assessments. Students shall be informed at the start of any academic year of the assessments they will be required to undertake in that year and the distribution of marks between the assessments and any components that are 'must pass'. The exact requirements for progression from year to year on the BSc is provided in the University Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes.

10. All practical classes shall be compulsory; failure to attend will normally necessitate the student undertaking additional work specified by the unit organiser.

11. The failure of any student to

- show satisfactory progress in a unit of study or
- attend regularly any prescribed teaching session (including such lectures, directed self-education (DSE), clinical commitments, field work and vacation units as may be required) or
- undertake prescribed written or other work or
- present themselves for any assessment or
- reach a satisfactory standard in any assessment,

shall be reported to the Faculty Board of Examiners, which may, at its discretion, require the student concerned to repeat a unit, to complete any additional work, to sit an examination or to withdraw from the programme.

Online Proctored Examinations

When necessary, students will be required to undertake online proctored examinations away from University premises. Proctored exams are timed exams that you take while proctoring software monitors your computer's desktop, webcam video and audio.

Online proctoring will be used by the University when invigilation is required for accreditation and compliance reasons to maintain academic integrity, but in-person examination facilities are not available.

Exceptionally, if a student has a valid reason, that has been agreed by the Faculty Education Director, to not undertake the proctored examination online they will be required to either:

- Take the examination at the same time but on University premises, or
- Defer the assessment to the next assessment period.

Awards

12. Successful completion of the programmes leads to direct entry to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Register of Veterinary Nurses and therefore requires students to have completed at least 1800 hours of clinical placement, and have been signed off on the RCVS day one skills and competencies. The Faculty Board of examiners will take into account RCVS guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

13. The degree classification shall be awarded in accordance with the regulations set out in the University's Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes.

14. A candidate who has completed satisfactorily Year 1 of the Degree, but who either does not proceed or does not complete satisfactorily Year 2, may be awarded the Certificate of Higher Education. Similarly, a candidate who has completed satisfactorily Year 2, but who either does not proceed or does not complete satisfactorily Year 3, may be awarded the Diploma of Higher Education.

*Approved by the Vice-Chancellor
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