Become an essential part of a veterinary team in a clinic or hospital and provide surgical and medical veterinary nursing, manage services and perform diagnostic sampling and medical imaging. These skills will be gained through the use of our purpose built animal housing and simulated surgical suite. You will also spend a total of 280 hours in veterinary clinics throughout New Zealand gaining valuable skills towards becoming a veterinary nurse.

**Campus**  
EIT Hawke’s Bay - blended/online delivery

**Starts**  
February

**Contact**  
Janis Anderson Phone: 06 830 1236. Email: janderson@eit.ac.nz
Make your passion for animals your career

This qualification will prepare you to be a veterinary nursing professional, providing you with the skills, knowledge and attributes needed to help animals attain, maintain or recover optimal health and quality of life. Graduates will also be able to practice sustainably and to engage in ongoing learning in the field.

This qualification is targeted at individuals who have already completed the Veterinary Nursing Assistant strand of the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) [Ref: 2490], or equivalent and who seek to further their veterinary nursing education. This qualification will provide you with technical veterinary nursing skills in a clinical environment as well as the ability to manage patients and clients, and follow protocols in all aspects of clinical veterinary practice.

The NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing recognises competence in a wide range of skills that enable students to become a functioning part of a veterinary team in a clinic or hospital through being able to:

- Provide surgical veterinary nursing
- Provide medical veterinary nursing
- Manage veterinary nursing services
- Perform diagnostic sampling and medical imaging

You are welcome to make an appointment to discuss your study options with our staff, either in person or by phone and also to visit at any time to view our facilities.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Possible jobs and career opportunities can include:

- Veterinary Nurse
- Medical/Veterinary Sales Representative
- Nutritional representative
- Animal Welfare Officer
- Animal Technician

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing

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<th>Length</th>
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<td>41 weeks full-time or equivalent part-time</td>
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This is a guide only based on the previous year. All costs quoted include GST and student services levy. Fees apply to New Zealand citizens and New Zealand permanent residents only.

INDUSTRY-BASED TRAINING

Students in the NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing must complete work experience commitments as set by the Programme Co-ordinator. Students will be required to complete 280 hours (seven weeks) of clinic work placements.

Students will be required to find their own work placements with assistance from programme staff where needed. Work placement is divided over two semesters, 120 hours in Semester One, 160 hours in Semester Two.

While on work experience, students must maintain a logbook with evidence of completion of the practical assessments and clinical skills sign-off when competent.

A memorandum of agreement will be drawn up between the work placement facility, the student and EIT, to define rights and responsibilities of each party involved in the work placements.

KEY DATES

| Programme starts | Monday, 18 February |
| Programme Ends   | Friday, 29 November |

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**TIMETABLE**
Your study time will be made up of contact time (online learning directed by tutors, block course, tutorials and industry-based learning) and non-contact time (individual study time and self-directed online learning).

**CONTACT TIME**
Teaching hours – 276 hours over the programme.
Work experience hours – 280 hours over the programme.

**NON-CONTACT TIME**
Individual study hours – 644 hours over the programme.

**ADDITIONAL COSTS**
- $220 required textbook
- Transport and accommodation for work experience where required
- Clothing as required for small animal practicals including covered black shoes.
- Black dress pants for Work Placements.
- Accommodation and transport during block course if required

Upon completion of diploma studies, academic attire required for the graduation ceremony can be hired at the student’s expense.

**ENTRY CRITERIA**

**INFORMATION SHARING SESSION:**
Applicants who meet academic entry may be required to attend an information sharing session if they have achieved their Level 5 qualification with a provider other than EIT. The purpose of this session is to share information about the programme and the applicant and communicate expectations regarding the programme.

**GOOD CHARACTER REQUIREMENT**
- ALL applicants are required to provide a completed CRIMINAL DECLARATION Form (copy of form is attached).
- EIT reserves the right to decline entry to the programme should an applicant’s police record be such that they would be considered unsuitable for veterinary nursing work. Applicants with convictions for dishonesty or drug offences will likely be considered unsuitable. This requirement applies to every year of enrolment in the programme.

The Dean may apply discretion to these regulations in exceptional circumstances.

Applicants who meet all entry requirements will be selected in order of application.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRY REQUIREMENT**
Applicants must have an acceptable level of English language fluency prior to enrolment in the programme. This may be demonstrated in a variety of ways, including schooling in New Zealand, successful study of a programme in which English was the language of instruction, completion of a New Zealand Certificate in English Language, approved scores on IELTS tests or completion of accepted international equivalents. Specific scores for IELTS and New Zealand Certificates in English Language are as follows:
- IELTS 6.0 Academic (no band score lower than 5.5)
- NZCEL Level 4 with the Academic endorsement

For acceptable alternatives refer to the English Proficiency Outcomes Chart.

**ENTRY WITH CREDIT**
You may already have some knowledge or skills that can be recognised as part of your intended study. This may take a number of different forms including study at a private training establishment, workplace training, other tertiary study, life experiences or voluntary work. If you think you may qualify, you may want to apply for Cross Credit or Recognition of Prior Learning.

- Cross Credit is based on the equivalency of courses or qualifications. You would apply for Cross Credit if you have passed a very similar course at the same level.
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is based on the assessment of your current knowledge and skills. You would apply for RPL if you had gained the relevant knowledge and skills through life experiences and informal learning situations.

You will be asked to provide details of anything that you would like considered as credit toward your intended programme of study, as part of your application.

RPL and Cross Credit cannot be awarded for a course if you are enrolled in that course. **You must apply prior to enrolment.**

**Overall RPL Credit Limit** 50% - the programmes maintain the ability to partially credit courses where evidence of current competence is presented.

For further information and enquiries about RPL and Cross Credit please contact, Stephanie Thomas, Programme Co-ordinator, (06) 830 1813.

**FACILITIES**
- Specialised Animal Practical Facilities with simulated surgery facilities, live animal housing, isolation unit, simulated clinic reception, diagnostic preparation room.
- Laboratory facilities.
- Library and computer facilities.

**ASSESSMENTS**
Consists of practical workbook completion for on-campus practicals, completion of work experience log book, assignments, tests, exams and observations, depending on nature of the course.

**THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED & THE SUPPORT TO SUCCEED**
When you study at EIT you’ll get the kind of experiences that will help you gain the knowledge and skills to get ahead.

You’ll also be supported by lecturers and tutors who are here for you, within a learning environment where you are treated as an individual, not just a number. They’ll know your name and you’ll receive one-on-one attention to make sure you get the support to succeed.
ENROLMENT INFORMATION

HOW TO ENROL

STEP 1
Complete the enrolment form that is included with this information pack or apply online www.eit.ac.nz

You can apply to StudyLink now if you need help to pay your fees, course-related costs or living costs. You can do this even if you haven’t been accepted on to your programme yet.

Visit www.studylink.govt.nz to apply.

STEP 2
If you apply online you will be sent a form to check, sign and return to EIT along with any required supporting documents.

If you are applying by paper enrolment form, you will need to complete this and send back to EIT with any required supporting documents.

STEP 3
You will receive an acceptance letter with programme information including your start date.

You may also receive course selection forms. You need to complete these quickly and return them to us so we can finalise your enrolment. If you do not send these back to us we are not able to give Studylink the information they need to finalise your student finance.

STEP 4
You will receive an invoice with payment details.

You must arrange for full payment of your enrolment fees before the start of your programme.

Contact us if you have any questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Scholarships and grants make life easier by helping to cover your fees, other costs and living expenses while you study. You don’t always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify.

EIT has a long list of scholarships for which you can apply. So if you would like to get financial help with your study, take a look at our website to see what’s available. You can also take a look online at the givME database available at EIT. It lists every scholarship and grant available in New Zealand.

STUDENT SERVICES LEVY

The Student Services Levy is a compulsory non-tuition fee that is charged to students enrolled at EIT. The levy is to contribute to the provision of quality student services that support learning. The funds received by EIT from the levy are ring-fenced, meaning they can only be spent on student services.

STUDENT LOANS AND ALLOWANCES

StudyLink is a service of the Ministry of Social Development. Apply well before your programme begins (even if you haven’t been accepted yet) so you’ll be ready to get your payments when you need them most. Check out studylink.govt.nz or phone 0800 88 99 00. A Student Allowance is a weekly payment to help you with living expenses. It doesn’t have to be paid back. A Student Loan is made up of three parts – compulsory fees, course-related costs and living costs. You have to pay these back.

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WORLD CLASS ‘A’ RATED TEACHING STAFF

The Tertiary Education Commission rates EIT as one of New Zealand’s top two institutes of technology and polytechnics for research. Our highly-qualified academics are leaders in their subjects, delivering the most up-to-date and relevant information to certificate, diploma, degree and postgraduate students. Attuned to ever-changing technologies, our tutors bring extensive work experience to teaching EIT’s certificate and other industry-tailored programmes.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The structure of the programme is as follows. To be awarded the NZ2491 NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing Level 6 the student must have completed every course in the programme - as identified in the Schedule of Courses below. Total Credits for completion of the NZ2491 NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing qualification = 120.

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<th>COURSE NO.</th>
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| DVN6.01* | Surgical Nursing A

▶ Intensively monitor and manage patients undergoing anaesthesia and intervene appropriately.
▶ Intensively monitor and manage acute pain in patients. | 15 | 6 | 1 |
| DVN6.02* | Surgical Nursing B

P: DVN6.01 Surgical Nursing A
▶ Provide dental nursing care to animals.
▶ Prepare and assist in surgery. | 15 | 6 | 2 |
| DVN6.03 | Diagnostics A

▶ To enable the student to set up, manage, run, and interpret in-house haematology, biochemistry, bacteriology, and basic cytology. | 15 | 6 | 1 |
| DVN6.04 | Diagnostics B

P: DVN6.03 Diagnostics A
▶ To enable the student to set up, manage, run, and interpret in-house diagnostic testing. | 15 | 6 | 2 |
| DVN6.05* | Medical Nursing A

▶ Provide nursing care for hospitalised patients to best practice standards. | 15 | 6 | 1 |
| DVN6.06* | Medical Nursing B

P: DVN6.05 Medical Nursing A
▶ Provide nursing care of hospitalised patients with specific requirements to best practice standards. | 15 | 6 | 2 |
| DVN6.07 | Management of Veterinary Nursing Services A

▶ To enable students to apply advanced animal behaviour modification and improve patient well-being in a clinical setting. | 15 | 6 | 1 |
| DVN6.08 | Management of Veterinary Nursing Services B

P: DVN6.07 Management of Veterinary Nursing Services A
▶ To enable students to efficiently and effectively manage emergencies and improve patient well-being in a clinical setting. | 15 | 6 | 2 |

* Currently being redeveloped and pending NZQA approval.
New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing

CRIMINAL DECLARATION FORM

Full Name:____________________________________________________________

Please print name clearly

Please be aware that having criminal convictions, especially for offences involving drugs or dishonesty, may affect your ability to gain employment or attend work placements in a veterinary clinic. If your conviction history is such that it may affect your employment or work placement prospects, you may be denied entry into this programme.

Do you have any criminal convictions or pending criminal charges?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you answered yes to the above question, please give details below:

________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
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Please read the following statement carefully before signing.

I declare that I have no undisclosed criminal convictions or pending criminal charges and am aware that failure to disclose such information could mean expulsion from the programme.

I give the Eastern Institute of Technology my full consent to obtain a police clearance check, if required, from my home country or any country that I have lived or worked in for more than 12 months.

Signature

Printed Name

Witnessed by (signature)

Printed Name of Witness and position or relationship to applicant

Date
NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN VETERINARY NURSING 2019
Selection form: please detach this page and hand in with your enrolment

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Please indicate which study path you wish to enrol in:

- ☐ Full-time: THE WHOLE PROGRAMME I.E. ENROL ME IN ALL COURSES
- ☐ Part-time: two courses per semester
- ☐ Other: in consultation with the programme coordinator

or select individual courses below

**Semester 1**
- ☐ DVN6.01 Surgical Nursing A
- ☐ DVN6.03 Diagnostics A
- ☐ DVN6.05 Medical Nursing A
- ☐ DVN6.07 Management of Veterinary Nursing Services A

**Semester 2**
- ☐ DVN6.02 Surgical Nursing B
  P: DVN6.01 Surgical Nursing A
- ☐ DVN6.04 Diagnostics B
  P: DVN6.03 Diagnostics A
- ☐ DVN6.06 Medical Nursing B
  P: DVN6.05 Medical Nursing A
- ☐ DVN6.08 Management of Veterinary Nursing Services B
  P: DVN6.07 Management of Veterinary Nursing Services A