

# BACHELOR OF VETERINARY NURSING 2022



## Information for International applicants

Napier Campus

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.

The Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing (BVN) programme will produce degree-level veterinary nurses capable of applying advanced subject-specific knowledge and skills, critical thinking, problem-solving and reflection. They will place animal welfare at the forefront of their evidence-based practice.

Graduates will have the knowledge and skills to make well-informed choices of a career or academic path and the language, literacy and numeracy skills required for further study.

## SCHOLARSHIP

There is a scholarship available for this programme. This scholarship provides a small contribution to assist students realise their goal of studying in New Zealand.

All International students who accept an offer of place for this programme will receive the scholarship. Please contact us for more information: [international@eit.ac.nz](mailto:international@eit.ac.nz)

## CAREER OUTCOMES

Possible jobs and career opportunities can include:

- Veterinary nurse
- Veterinary nurse educator
- Animal care educator/researcher
- Humane Society roles
- Specialist clinic roles
- Department of Conservation/Ministry for Primary Industries roles
- Commercial/Medical/Veterinary sales representative

## CAREER OUTLOOK

Visit the following websites for the latest information about job opportunities in New Zealand for your chosen career path.

CareersNZ offers a range of tools to help you explore jobs and plan your career: [careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz)

For extensive information on labour supply and demand for occupations visit: [occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz](https://occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz)

For information about the Long Term Skill Shortage List visit: [skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz](https://skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz)

## FACILITIES

- Specialised animal practical facilities with simulated surgery facilities, live animal housing, isolation unit, simulated clinic reception and diagnostic preparation room
- Laboratory facilities
- Library and computer facilities



<b>Qualification</b>	Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing
<b>Level</b>	Level 7
<b>Length</b>	Three years
<b>Start dates</b>	14 Feb (orientation starts 7 Feb)
<b>Fees</b>	NZ\$ 22,600 per year
<b>IELTS</b>	6.0 (academic) with no band score lower than 5.5 or equivalent.
<b>Total credits</b>	360 credits (120 credits per year)
<b>Class times</b>	Classes are scheduled between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday - Friday.
<b>Study hours</b>	Approximately two hours for each classroom hour

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The BVN programme is designed for individuals wanting to become highly regarded industry professionals within the veterinary nursing sector.

As a graduate of the BVN you will:

- Place animal welfare at the forefront of every veterinary nursing task and procedure performed while also considering human and environmental factors
- Integrate extensive knowledge and understanding of the professional, cultural, ethical and moral responsibilities of a veterinary nurse
- Confidently apply advanced theoretical knowledge and skills in veterinary medical nursing, anaesthesia and surgical assistance in practice
- Think and reflect critically to continuously improve animal well-being, your own practice and the industry as a whole
- Pro-actively engage in continuous learning and undertake research to support evidence-based practice, solving complex problems in relation to patient care and health
- Advise clients on the management of individual animal care based on contemporary evidence
- Recognise the need for and lead the development of strategies to deal with emotionally and otherwise stressful situations

## INDUSTRY-BASED TRAINING

During the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing you must complete work experience commitments as set by the Programme Coordinator. You will be required to complete 240 hours in Year One and 240 hours in Year Two of clinic work placements. In order to provide you with different perspectives on veterinary nursing, you will complete your work experience in at least two different veterinary practices, unless currently employed at a veterinary clinic.

You will be required to find your own work placements with assistance from programme staff where needed. Work placement will primarily be in Hawke's Bay but will also take place in other regions of New Zealand. Additional funds will be needed for accommodation, travel and other expenses when attending work experience. It is recommended work placements will be in two or three week blocks.

While on work experience, you will maintain a portfolio with evidence of completion of practical assessments and clinical skills. You will be in contact with the Programme Coordinator on a regular basis to discuss progress on the workplace requirements.

During Year One you will be required to do the husbandry and general care of our resident animals. This will be done on a roster based system on weekdays, weekends, public holidays and breaks.



## BLENDED DELIVERY

In years 2 and 3 BVN incorporates a mode of study called 'blended delivery' which encompasses both online and face-to-face learning.

While this set of qualifications utilises an online platform (Moodle) for delivery of subject specific knowledge and resources, each student is required to attend various face-to-face sessions throughout each week to support their learning in a blended fashion. International students are required to be on campus for approximately 20 hours per week.

## ENTRY CRITERIA

### ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet degree standard entry requirements or evidence regarded as sufficient by the Head of School of the capability to undertake and complete the programme of study.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42 or IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5 (or equivalent ) achieved within the last 2 years.

### VETERINARY CLINIC OBSERVATION REQUIREMENT

Applicants are required to have completed a minimum of three days observing in a veterinary clinic. This may be demonstrated by information in the applicant's Curriculum Vitae, or a separate written attestation. A referee upon being contacted by EIT must be able to verify this experience.

### ANIMAL HANDLING EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

Applicants are required to have previous animal handling experience of a minimum of 10 days with businesses such as SPCA, kennels or catteries. This may be demonstrated by information in the applicant's Curriculum Vitae, or a separate written attestation. A referee upon being contacted by EIT must be able to verify this experience. If this experience cannot be demonstrated, the applicant will be required to complete the EIT animal handling bridging course.

### PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Students must be able to carry out physical activities within the Animal Room and work placement to fulfil the requirements of the programme. Students must also have no objection to working with animals, dissection of animal body parts, body fluids and cadavers. EIT reserves the right to decline entry to the programme should an applicant's physical ability or inability to work in this environment prevent them carrying out practical activities required to fulfil the requirements of the programme. These practical requirements will be discussed and confirmed during the interview session.

### GOOD CHARACTER REQUIREMENT

ALL applicants are required to provide a completed Criminal Conviction Form.

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. A criminal declaration will be required every year of enrolment in the programme.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NB: Courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments being received. In the following descriptions:

COURSE NO.	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	CREDITS	LEVEL	SEMESTER OFFERED
<b>Year One</b>				
CAT5.12	<b>The Structure and Function of Animals</b> This course will develop students' knowledge of animal anatomy and physiology to inform their practice in a workplace setting.	15	5	1
CAT5.11	<b>Animal Behaviour, Handling and Care</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required in companion animal behaviour, handling and preventative health, as well as in advising clients on such aspects of companion animal care.	15	5	1
CAT5.04	<b>Introduction to Veterinary Practice</b> This course will allow students to develop basic knowledge and skills required to practice in the veterinary clinic workplace.	15	5	1
CAT5.09	<b>Work Experience A</b> This course will allow students to develop knowledge related to ethics, legislation and welfare, to begin to apply this knowledge in professional reflective practice, and to practice basic clinical skills.	15	5	1
CAT5.06	<b>Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Services</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to provide a specified range of surgical and diagnostic services in a veterinary clinic.	15	5	2
CAT5.07	<b>Anaesthetic Monitoring and Analgesia of Animal Patients</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required in the monitoring of anaesthesia and in recognising the analgesia needs of a surgical patient in a veterinary facility.	15	5	2
CAT5.08	<b>Care of Hospitalised Animal Patients</b> This course will allow students to develop and apply knowledge and skills in the provision of clinical care and the promotion of patient well-being for a variety of animals in the veterinary clinic.	15	5	2
CAT5.10	<b>Work Experience B</b> This course will allow students to expand their knowledge related to ethics, legislation, welfare, continuing to apply this knowledge in professional reflective practice, and to practice veterinary nursing assistant skills.	15	5	2
<b>Year Two</b>				
DVN6.01	<b>Anaesthesia and Analgesia</b> This course aims to allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to monitor and manage non-complex patients receiving general anaesthesia for surgical purposes.	15	6	1
DVN6.02	<b>Diagnostics A</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills to prepare biological samples, locate and interpret the results, and provide assistance in relevant treatment.	15	6	1
DVN6.04	<b>Medical Nursing A</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to provide best practice nursing care for a variety of patients to improve patient well-being.	15	6	1
DVN6.07	<b>Work Experience and Investigation A</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required for innovative and culturally appropriate veterinary nursing practice and to practice veterinary nursing skills.	15	6	1

DVN6.11	<b>Surgical Nursing</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to assist during surgery and provide dental care to animals.	15	6	2
DVN6.03	<b>Diagnostics B</b> This course will allow students to develop further knowledge and skills to prepare for, participate in and interpret in-house diagnostic testing, and to participate in preventative health procedures.	15	6	2
DVN6.14	<b>Medical Nursing B</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to apply best practice in nursing patients with specific diseases and to interpret animal behaviour to improve patient well-being.	15	6	2
DVN6.17	<b>Work Experience and Investigation B</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to efficiently and effectively manage emergencies and improve patient well-being, extending their veterinary nursing skills in a clinic setting.	15	6	2
<b>Year Three</b>				
BVN7.09	<b>Integrated Medical Nursing</b> The aim of this course is to deepen understanding of nursing theory and process to plan integrated veterinary nursing care in complex companion animal medical cases.	15	7	1
BVN7.03	<b>Applied Animal Welfare, Behaviour and Training</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required for critical evaluation of animal welfare, behaviour and training in Aotearoa New Zealand and globally.	15	7	1
BVN7.05	<b>Wildlife and Conservation</b> This course will allow students to develop knowledge and skills related to wildlife care, management and conservation.	15	7	1
BVN7.04	<b>Reflective Practice and Inquiry for Veterinary Nursing A</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to plan work and to analyse and apply research in veterinary nursing practice.	15	7	1
BVN7.10	<b>Integrated Surgical Nursing</b> The aim of this course is to deepen understanding of surgical principles and interventions to plan integrated veterinary nursing care in complex companion animal surgical cases.	15	7	2
BVN7.06	<b>Emergency Care and Response</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to manage response teams and patients during natural disasters and clinical emergencies within the veterinary clinic and the community.	15	7	2
BVN7.07	<b>Animal Rehabilitation</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to contribute to the planning of patient rehabilitation and to monitor patient progress throughout rehabilitation.	15	7	2
BVN7.08	<b>Reflective Practice and Inquiry for Veterinary Nursing B</b> This course will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills required to critically analyse research to inform evidence based veterinary nursing practice.	15	7	2

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