

# NZ DIPLOMA IN 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. You will gain these skills by using our purpose-built animal housing facility and simulated surgical suite. You will also spend time in veterinary clinics throughout New Zealand gaining valuable skills towards becoming a veterinary nurse. As a graduate you will be able to practice sustainability and engage in on-going learning in the field. This qualification is targeted at individuals who have already completed the NZ Certificate in Animal Technology (Veterinary Nursing Assistant) [Level 5], or equivalent and who seek to further their veterinary nursing education.

## AREAS OF STUDY

Graduates of the NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing will be able to:

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

## 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

## CAREER OUTCOMES

Possible jobs and career opportunities can include:

- Veterinary Nurse
- Veterinary Sales Representative
- Nutritional Sales Representative
- Animal Welfare Officer
- Animal Technician

## 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)



<b>Qualification</b>	New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing
<b>Level</b>	Level 6
<b>Length</b>	One year
<b>Start dates</b>	14 Feb (orientation starts 7 Feb)
<b>IELTS</b>	6.0 (academic) with no band lower than 5.5 or equivalent
<b>Study options</b>	Full-time
<b>Fees</b>	NZ\$ 22,600
<b>Total number of credits</b>	120
<b>Class times</b>	Classes are scheduled between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday - Friday
<b>Individual study hours</b>	Approx. 12 hours per week

## INDUSTRY-BASED TRAINING

As a student in the NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing you must complete work experience commitments as set by the Programme Coordinator. You will be required to complete 240 hours work experience. 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 you are currently employed at a veterinary clinic.

You will be required to find your own work placements with assistance from programme staff where needed. It is recommended work placements will be in two or three week blocks.

While on work experience, you must 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.

## 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.

### ENTRY CRITERIA

#### ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology with Veterinary Nursing Assistant Strand Level 5. Or National Certificate in Veterinary Nursing level 5 or equivalent .

#### 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.

COMPULSORY COURSE NO:	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	NO. OF CREDITS	NZQA LEVEL	SEMESTER OFFERED
DVN6.01	<b>Anaesthesia and Analgesia</b> This course will 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 wellbeing.	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
DVN6.03	<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
DVN6.11	<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

<b>DVN6.14</b>	<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 wellbeing.	15	6	2
<b>DVN6.17</b>	<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 wellbeing, extending their veterinary nursing skills in a clinic setting.	15	6	2

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