

Program Code

DVETM

Program Minimum Units

72

Standard Duration

3 Years

Program Faculty

Faculty of Sciences

AQF Level

09

Academic Year

2017

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

Overview

This is a three year degree in clinical veterinary science that when successfully completed will make graduates eligible for registration as a veterinarian. The program is at the Masters by coursework level. Most students will enter this program after completion of the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) program at the University of Adelaide. However, students with a recognised pre-veterinary or veterinary degree may also be eligible for entry. The first two years of the program aim to develop the scientific and technical skills needed to become a veterinarian and include a theme of professional development. The final year is made up of a total of six three-week clinical and practical rotations, forming an intern year to consolidate scientific knowledge and technical skills prior to entering practice. There is also a requirement for a further 23 weeks of extra mural practical work during the program that must be completed prior to graduation.

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is an AQF Level 9 (Masters Extended) qualification with a standard full-time duration of 3 years.

Conditions

Condition of Admission

Q Fever Vaccinations: Students in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine are required to be vaccinated against Q Fever (unless initial skin test indicates pre-existing immunity).

Inherent requirements: Students are required to acknowledge their understanding of the University of Adelaide veterinary programs inherent requirements (see <http://www.sciences.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/forms/inherent-requirements-bscvetbio-dvm-dec2013.pdf>).

Condition of Continuing Enrolment

Minimum GPA: A student must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.00.

Progression into the second year of the DVM program is subject to satisfactory completion of six weeks of DVM EMS.

A student must pass all courses in Level I and II before progressing to Level III.

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)

There shall be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).

Qualification Requirements Academic Program

To qualify for the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, the student must complete satisfactorily a program of study consisting of the following requirements with a combined total of not less than 72 units, comprising:

1. Core courses to the value of 72 units
2. Work based training / extra mural studies

Core Courses

To satisfy the requirements for Core Courses students must complete courses to the value of 72 units.

Year 1

All of the following courses must be completed:

- VET SC 7001RW [DVM Professional Skills](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7002RW [Fundamentals of Vet Anaes. Diag Imaging & Surgery](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7004RW [Intensive Production Medicine](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7006RW [Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7008RW [Veterinary Practice Fundamentals](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7005RW [Clinical Research Project](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7009RW [General Pathology](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7010RW [Systems Pathology](#) (3 units)

Year 2

All of the following courses must be completed:

Students are required to take both the Part A and the matching Part B course.

- VET SC 7213RW [Wildlife and Conservation Practice](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7223RW [Veterinary Public Health](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7230ARW [Companion Animal Practice](#) (0 units)
- VET SC 7230BRW [Companion Animal Practice](#) (6 units)
- VET SC 7240ARW [Ruminant Health and Production](#) (0 units)
- VET SC 7240BRW [Ruminant Health and Production](#) (6 units)
- VET SC 7250ARW [Equine Clinical Practice](#) (0 units)
- VET SC 7250BRW [Equine Clinical Practice](#) (6 units)

Year 3

All of the following courses must be completed:

- VET SC 7306RW [DVM Elective Topic](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7307RW [Transition to the Veterinary Profession](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7310RW [Equine Practice Rotation](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7320RW [Production Animal Practice Rotation](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7330RW [Companion Animal Practice Rotation](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7340RW [Anaesthesia & Analgesia Rotation](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7350RW [Pathology & Diagnostic Services Rotation](#) (3 units)
- VET SC 7360RW [Veterinary Public Health Rotation](#) (3 units)

Work Based Training / Extra Mural Studies

To satisfy the requirements for Work Based Training / Extra Mural Studies students must adhere to the following:

Students must complete Doctor of Veterinary Medicine extra mural studies (EMS) to the value of 23 weeks. This is broken into three components:

1. 6 weeks of preparatory extra mural studies (EMS-1)
2. 4 weeks of Year 2 EMS (EMS-2)
3. 12 weeks of Year 3 EMS (EMS-3) which cannot begin until DVM Year 2 courses are successfully completed.
4. 1 week of after-hours roster in the University of Adelaide Veterinary Health Centre (EMS-VHC). This can begin after the successful completion of DVM Year 1 and must be finalised by the end of semester 2 in DVM Year 2.

Progression into the second year of the DVM program is subject to satisfactory completion of six weeks of DVM EMS. In order to be eligible for early conferral and registration as a Veterinarian in January of the year following completion of studies, students must ensure that their EMS have been finalised by early December in their final year of study.

5. The EMS must be completed no more than 1 year after DVM Level 3 courses have been completed.

Before beginning a period of extra mural studies, students are required to ensure that the placement will be acceptable by consulting the Extra Mural Coordinator and / or DVM Program Management Committee, and the placement attendance has approval of the Head of School.

Upon completion of each period of extra mural studies, students are required to complete and submit all placement associated documentation and tasks to a satisfactory standard, including certification of attendance by the placement supervisor for approval by the Extra Mural Coordinator or DVM Program Management Committee.

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