

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

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 (Pre-Veterinary) 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 aims to develop the scientific and technical skills needed to become a veterinarian and includes a theme of professional development. The final year is made up of a total of nine by one month 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 fourteen weeks of extramural practical work during the program that must be completed prior to the beginning of the final year of study.

A candidate must pass all courses in level I and II before progressing to level III. Any student who fails to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.00 or greater will be determined to be making unsatisfactory progress and will be required to show cause why they should not be excluded from the program.

1 Qualification requirements

1.1 To qualify for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete the requirements of 1.2 and 1.3 below:

1.2 Academic program

1.2.1 Level I

All candidates shall complete the following core courses:

Semester 1

VET SC 7000RW Veterinary Pathology 6

VET SC 7001RW DVM Professional Skills..... 3

VET SC 77002RW Veterinary Practice Fundamentals A 3

Semester 2

VET SC 7004RW Intensive Production Medicine 3

VET SC 7006RW Veterinary Practice Fundamentals B 3

VET SC 7008RW Veterinary Practice Fundamentals C 3

VET SC 7005RW Clinical Research Project 3

1.2.2 Level II

All candidates shall complete the following core courses:

Semester 1

VET SC 7210RW Companion Animal Clinical Practice A..... 3

VET SC 7213RW Wildlife and Conservation Practice 3

VET SC 7212RW Ruminant Clinical Practice A 3

VET SC 7223RW Veterinary Public Health 3

Semester 2

VET SC 7211RW Equine Clinical Practice A..... 3

VET SC 7221RW Equine Clinical Practice B 3

VET SC 7220RW Companion Animal Clinical Practice B..... 3

VET SC 7222RW Ruminant Clinical Practice B..... 3

1.2.3 Level III

All candidates shall complete the following core courses:

Core rotations

Equine Clinical Practice Rotation..... 3

Production Animal Studies Rotation 3

Companion Animal Clinical Rotation 3

Comparative Diagnostic Imaging and Anaesthesia Rotation	3
Pathology & Diagnostic Services Rotation	3
Veterinary Public Health Rotation	3
DVM Level III EMS	6

1.3 Extra-mural program

A total of 26 weeks of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine extra-mural studies (EMS) is required to be undertaken during the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program. This is broken into three components:

- a 6 weeks of preparatory extra-mural experience studies (EMS-1)
- b 8 weeks of level II EMS (EMS-2)
- c 12 weeks of level III EMS which cannot begin until DVM level II courses are successfully completed.

Before beginning a period of extra mural experience, a candidate is required to ensure that it will be satisfactory to the Faculty by consulting the Extra Mural Coordinator or nominee, concerned.

Upon completion of each period of extra mural experience, a candidate is required to submit a statement of practical experience gained, certified by the employer for approval by the Extra Mural Coordinator or nominee.