

## Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	<b>Course</b>	Foundation & BSc Veterinary Nursing		
2.	<b>Year</b>	3		
3.	<b>Applicable to Academic Year</b>	2023-24		
4.	<b>Aspects of Course Covered by Examination</b>	All modules studied in Year 3		
5.	<b>Form of Examination</b>			
5.1.	<b>The Professional Veterinary Nurse</b>	<b>Assignment 1:</b> Business Plan and Audit <b>Assignment 2:</b> Peer reviewed reflective report		
5.2.	<b>Academic &amp; Professional Development 3</b>	<b>Assignment:</b> Team based Knowledge Summary <b>Practical:</b> Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) <b>RCVS Competencies:</b> completion of RCVS day one skills and competencies including all placement documentation		
6.	<b>Marking Criteria</b>			
6.1.	<b>Assignments:</b>	The appropriate College Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking extended pieces of work depending on the type of assessment. The Common Grading Schemes available are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Grading Scheme (LAQ)</li> </ul>		
6.2.	<b>Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)</b>	A pass mark will be set for each station. The pass mark for the examination as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, including if appropriate a minimum number of stations to be passed, then normalised and scaled.  <b>[RCVS Day one skills and competencies for Veterinary Nurses will be assessed continuously throughout the course via an approved electronic student experience log (currently the Nursing Progress Log), which must be completed to gain entry to the OSCE examinations of the course].</b>		
7.	<b>Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements</b>			
	<b>First Sit</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>	<b>Resit</b>
7.1.	<b>The Professional Veterinary Nurse</b> Assignment 1 Assignment 2	100% Pass / Fail	<b>10</b> <b>5</b>	As first sit.  Excluding "Pass / Fail" elements, an assessment passed at the second attempt may only be awarded a maximum of 50%
7.2.	<b>Academic &amp; Professional Development 3</b> Group Assignment (80%) & Peer Review (20%) Practical (OSCE) RCVS Competencies (Hours & Skills Log)	100% Pass / Fail Pass / Fail	<b>10</b> <b>10</b> <b>10</b>	

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<b>8.</b>	<b>Requirements to Pass Overall</b>			
8.1.	<b>Year 3 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing</b>			
8.1.1.	<b>Modules</b>			
	In order to pass a module a student must obtain an aggregated average of 50% from the assessment activities combined			
	AND	At least 40% in each individual assessment activity		
	AND	Gain a 'Pass' in any pass/fail component		
8.1.2.	<b>FdSc/BSc Year 3 &amp; Award of FdSc Veterinary Nursing</b>			
	In order to pass Year 3 overall a student must achieve a pass in all modules			
	AND	To have completed the 1800 placement hours		
<b>9.</b>	<b>Requirements to Proceed to BSc Year 4</b>			
9.1.	<b>BSc Veterinary Nursing Students</b>			
	A student on the BSc pathway must have met the requirements to pass Year 3 of the FdSc/BSc overall (section 8.1.2).			
9.2.	<b>FdSc Veterinary Nursing Students</b>			
	A student on the FdSc pathway must achieve a Merit overall in the Foundation degree to continue into the 4 <sup>th</sup> Year BSc course.			
<b>10.</b>	<b>Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete</b>			
10.1.	A student is required to resit any module failed at the first attempt. In order to resit a student will retake any assessment activity failed at the first attempt.			
10.2.	The mark obtained for a module assessment at the second attempt shall be no greater than 50%.			
10.3.	A BSc pathway student who fails to satisfy the requirements to proceed to Year 4 BSc (section 9.1) after two attempts is required to relinquish the course. They have a right of appeal as described in the College Regulations			
10.4.	A BSc pathway student who is unable to proceed to Year 4 of the BSc after resit has a right of appeal as described in the College Regulations.			
10.5.	A candidate who has successfully completed Year 1 and Year 2 remains eligible for the award of Certificate in Higher Education in Small Animal Welfare & Care.			
<b>11.</b>	<b>Award and Classification</b>			
11.1.	Year 3 of the BSc will contribute 15% to the overall BSc degree classification.			
11.2.	Year 3 of the FdSc contributes 50% towards the overall FdSc final mark.			
	Average mark of 50- 64% obtained from year 2 and 3 combined:		Pass	
	Average mark of 65-69% obtained from year 2 and 3 combined:		Merit	
	Average mark of 70% or more obtained from year 2 and 3 combined:		Distinction	

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12.	<b>Disclosure of Marks</b>  Results will be published by candidate number.
13.	<b>Absence from Summative Assessment</b>  Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> absence, they will be marked absent (A) from a summative assessment and will be required to sit the assessment activity at the next available opportunity.  An allowable absence is one that is for a significant unforeseeable event such as illness. Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by the Student Performance and Development System (and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances).  A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.
14.	<b>Late Submission of Work</b>  Reports, Projects, and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the College's General Assessment Regulations.  Within this Year 3 the major pieces of work are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Audit Proposal (assignment 1)</b> - The Professional Veterinary Nurse (50% minimum)</li><li>• <b>Team based Knowledge Summary</b> - Academic &amp; Professional Development 3 (50% minimum)</li></ul>