Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	**Course**	Foundation & BSc Veterinary Nursing
2.	**Year** 3	
3.	**Applicable to Academic Year** 2024/25	
4.	**Aspects of Course Covered by Assessment** All modules studied in Year 3	
5.	**Form of Assessment**	

5.1.	**The Professional Veterinary Nurse**
	      Assignment 1: Audit proposal
	      Assignment 2: Peer reviewed reflective report	

5.2.	**Academic & Professional Development 3**
	      Assignment: Team based knowledge Summary
	      Practical: Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE)
	      RCVS Competencies: completion of RCVS day one skills and competencies including all placement documentation and 1800 hours in placement	

6.	**Marking Criteria**	
6.1.	**Assignments:** The appropriate RVC Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking extended pieces of work depending on the type of assessment. The Common Grading Schemes available are: • Common Grading Scheme (LAQ)	
6.2.	**Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)** 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. **[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].**	

7.	**Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements**			
	First Sit	**Weighting**	**Credit Value**	**Resit**

7.1.	**The Professional Veterinary Nurse**
	      Assignment 1
	      Assignment 2
		100%
		Pass / Fail
			10
			5
				As first sit.
				
				Excluding "Pass / Fail" elements, an assessment passed at the second attempt may only be awarded a maximum of 50%

7.2.	**Academic & Professional Development 3**
	      Group Assignment (80%) & Peer Review (20%)
	      Practical (OSCE)
		100%
		Pass / Fail
		Pass / Fail
			10
			10
			10	

	RCVS Competencies (1800 Hours & Skills Log) including all placement documentation			

8.	**Requirements to Pass Overall**
8.1.	**Year 3 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing**
8.1.1.	**Modules** In order to pass a module a student must obtain 50% in all of the assessment activities AND Gain a 'Pass' in any pass/fail component
8.2	**Award of FdSc Veterinary Nursing** In order to pass Year 3 overall a student must a achieve a pass in all modules

9.	**Requirements to Proceed to BSc Year 4**
9.1.	**BSc Veterinary Nursing Students** A student on the BSc pathway must have met the requirements to pass Year 3 of the FdSc/BSc overall (section 8.1.1).
9.2.	**FdSc Veterinary Nursing Students** A student on the FdSc pathway must achieve a Merit overall in the Foundation degree to continue into the 4th Year BSc course.

10.	**Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete**
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 RVC Regulations
10.4.	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.

11.	**Award and Classification**
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.
11.3	For the FdSc the classification is based on the average marks of Year 2 and Year 3 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

12.	**Disclosure of Marks**
	Results will be published by candidate number.
13.	**Absence from Summative Assessment**
	If a student does not submit a piece of assessment or is absent from an examination the mark awarded will be 0 (zero).
14.	**Late Submission of Work**
	Reports, Projects, and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the RVC's General Assessment Regulations.