

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course Foundation & BSc Veterinary Nursing
2.	Year 1
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2024/25
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Assessment All modules studied in Year 1
5.	Form of Assessment
5.1.	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Paper: 1 hour paper (MCQs) Assignment: Report
5.2.	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2 Paper: 1 hour paper (MCQs) Assignment: Short communication Presentation: Oral presentation
5.3.	Academic & Professional Development 1 Assignment: Reflective report Presentation: Group oral presentation Practical: Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) Placement documentation
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Grading Scheme (LAQ) • Common Grading Scheme (Reflective Writing)
6.2.	Multiple Choice Questions The pass mark for the MCQ examinations as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, normalised and then scaled. The number of marks available for each type of question will be clearly stated on the examination paper. A question left unanswered or deleted by the candidate will score zero.
6.3.	Oral Presentations The RVC marking scheme for Oral Presentations will be used for all appropriate presentations.
6.4.	Direct Observation of Procedural Skills Students will be assessed in the following areas (technical ability, health and safety, aseptic technique, time management, preparation of equipment and area and effective communication) and graded overall as a Met Expected Standard, or Not Yet Meeting Expected Standard

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7. Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements				
	First Sit	Weighting	Credit Value	Resit
7.1.	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Paper Assignment	50% 50%	30	As first sit. A module assessment (not including "Pass / Fail" elements) passed at the second attempt may only be awarded a maximum of 50%
7.2.	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2 Paper Assignment Presentation	50% 30% 20%	30	
7.3.	Academic & Professional Development 1 Assignment Presentation Practical (DOPS) Placement documentation	55% 45% Pass / Fail Pass / Fail	30	
8. Requirements to Pass Overall				
8.1. Year 1 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing				
8.1.1. Modules In order to pass a module a student must obtain 50% from each of the assessment activities AND Gain a 'Pass' in any pass/fail component AND Complete all placement paperwork				
8.1.2 FdSc/BSc Year 1 In order to pass Year 1 overall a student must achieve a pass in all modules				
8.2 Certificate of Higher Education in Small Animal Welfare and Care				
8.2.1 Modules In order to pass a module a student must obtain 50% from each of the assessment activities				
8.2.2 Certificate To have achieved a pass in all Year 1 modules				
9. Requirements to Proceed				
9.1. To Proceed to Year 2 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing To have met the requirements to pass Year 1 overall (section 8.1).				
10. Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete				
10.1. A student is required to resit any module failed at the first attempt (<50%). In order to resit, a student will retake any assessment activity failed at the first attempt.				

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10.2.	The mark obtained for a module at the second attempt shall be no greater than 50%.
10.3.	A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has not previously repeated a year of undergraduate study at the RVC (on any programme) will be entitled to repeat the year and will carry forward any components passed to the repeat year. The number of attempts at the previously failed assessments will be the same as for those students not repeating the year. All Year marks and/or Module marks under the 'repeat year' rule will be capped at a maximum of a bare pass (50%).
10.4.	A student who is studying full time and has failed the year at the second attempt and has previously repeated a year of undergraduate study at the RVC (on any programme) will be required to withdraw from the course. They will have a right of appeal as described in the RVC's Regulations.
10.5.	Any student who has failed after having taken all resit and repeat opportunities will be required to withdraw from the course. They will have a right of appeal as described in RVC Regulations.
11.	Award and Classification
11.1.	Year 1 does not contribute towards the final classification for the FdSc or BSc course.
11.2.	The award of Certificate of Higher Education is available only to students who do not proceed to Year 2 of either the FdSc or the BSc.
11.3.	The award of Certificate of Higher Education will be classified by the aggregate average of marks as follows: 40-59% Pass 60-69% Merit 70% or more 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.