

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

University Diploma Veterinary Nursing (08120002)

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Programme information

This programme is accredited with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC).

Each student must apply immediately after registration at UP to the Registrar of the South African Veterinary Council for registration as a student in Veterinary Nursing. Registration is compulsory and must be renewed annually for the duration of the study.

After the diploma has been conferred, diplomats are required to register with the South African Veterinary Council as veterinarian nurses before they may practise in South Africa in this capacity.

Also refer to:

UP General Regulations and Rules

<http://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/rules/content/R02>

Examinations and related matters

<https://www1.up.ac.za/cs/groups/staff/@contrib/documents/document/mdaw/mdm5/~edisp/uppr039909.pdf>

Admission requirements

- A valid NSC/IEB/Cambridge qualification with university admission is required for all school-leavers who do not have higher education experience. The APS is calculated from the achievement levels obtained in the six 20-credit subjects of the NSC excluding Life Orientation. Minimum admission requirements appear in the table below. All years of study are presented at the Onderstepoort Campus of the University of Pretoria. A total of 50 students will be admitted to the programme. The Faculty endeavours to meet the veterinary nursing needs of the country and the specific requirements of higher education legislation through the selection of applicants. The recruitment and selection process is therefore structured in such a way that it will address access, diversity and excellence. The procedure is reviewed on an annual basis and makes provision for the following categories of students: **?**. School-leavers **?**. Students with previous higher education exposure **?**. International students **?**. Students nominated by bursars (for example the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements															
Achievement level															
English				Mathematics				Life Sciences				Physical Science			
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level
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NBT compulsory as part of the selection process.

Additional requirements

Students are admitted annually after selection according to the approved procedure.

Each student must apply, immediately after first admission, to the Registrar of the South African Veterinary Council for registration as a student in veterinary nursing. Registration is compulsory and must be renewed annually for the duration of the study.

After the diploma has been awarded, diplomates are required to register with the South African Veterinary Council as veterinary nurses before they may be employed in South Africa in this capacity.

Examinations and pass requirements

Refer to UP General Regulations and Rules

- i. Attendance of all lectures, practicals, and clinical duties is compulsory. Any form of absence must be justified by submission of a medical certificate or valid documentation, within 3 working days after returning. Failure to comply may result in examination refusal.
- ii. No minimum semester/year mark is required for admission to the examination.
- iii. The semester/year marks and examination mark will count 50% each towards the final mark.
- iv. A student is required to obtain a subminimum of 40% in the examination as well as a final mark of at least 50% to pass a module. A subminimum of 40% in subdivisions of theoretical and/or practical examinations may be required as stipulated by the Dean in consultation with the head of department concerned, and as set out in the study guide.
- v. A student must pass all the modules of the respective previous year of study in order to be promoted to the subsequent year of study, as well as to the clinical rotations.
- vi. A student who fails a module or modules in a year of study, has to repeat all the failed modules for that particular year of study.
- vii. The content, format and duration of the supplementary, extra-ordinary, and/or special examination will be similar to that of the examination, except for oral examinations, where the supplementary, extra-ordinary, and/or special examination may be in a different format.
- viii. Students who have obtained a semester/year mark of 65% or more in a particular module may be promoted according to UP's General Regulations. Departments will be allowed to use discretion in this regard. The rule will be stated in the study guide of the respected module.
- ix. Examinations are conducted as stipulated in the Faculty Calendar.
- x. A student will not be allowed to repeat the same year of study twice.

Practical/clinical/internship information

Proof of satisfactory completion of all prescribed clinical and practical components of the programme, must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration of the Faculty.

Pass with distinction

The DVN is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained a cumulative weighted average of at least 75% over the two years of study.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 129

Fundamental modules

Academic orientation 108 (UPO 108) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Anatomy 104 (ANG 104) - Credits: 24.00

General nursing 111 (AVP 111) - Credits: 14.00

Pharmacology 120 (FAK 120) - Credits: 7.00

Physiology 104 (FSL 104) - Credits: 22.00

Reproductive nursing 120 (GSV 120) - Credits: 5.00

Laboratory technique 120 (LTG 120) - Credits: 11.00

Microbiology 111 (MBI 111) - Credits: 10.00

Medical nursing 120 (MVP 120) - Credits: 6.00

Parasitology 120 (PAR 120) - Credits: 8.00

Theatre practice 120 (TPR 120) - Credits: 6.00

Veterinary ethology 110 (VET 110) - Credits: 16.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 163

Core modules

- [Surgical nursing 200](#) (CVP 200) - Credits: 38.00
- [Reproductive nursing 200](#) (GSV 200) - Credits: 11.00
- [Medical nursing 200](#) (MVP 200) - Credits: 74.00
- [Anaesthesiology 200](#) (NAR 200) - Credits: 16.00
- [Radiography 200](#) (RAV 200) - Credits: 12.00
- [Theatre practice 200](#) (TPR 200) - Credits: 12.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.