University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

BVetNurs (08130006)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	388
NQF level	07

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 degree has been conferred, graduates are required to register with the South African Veterinary Council as veterinary nurses before they may practise in South Africa in this capacity.

Also refer to the General Regulations and Rules.

Admission requirements

- Entry into the BVetNurs programme is highly competitive due to popularity of the programme and limited available spaces.
- Selection is based on academic merit. The Faculty does not determine specific selection cut-off values as these are determined by the strength of the applications in a particular year.
- **School-leavers**

  A valid NSC/IEB/Cambridge qualification with admission for degree purposes.

  Subject requirements and the required Admission Point Score (APS) as indicated in the table below. The APS is calculated from the achievement levels obtained in the six 20-credit NSC subjects.

  Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

  Conditional admission is based on Grade 11 final examination results, final admission on NSC/IEB performance in Mathematics, English and Physical Science, as well as the Veterinary Value-added Form (VNVAF).

  Additional admission criteria may be used including an interview and additional selection tests.

  School-leaving applicants who are conditionally admitted based on their Grade 11 results will forfeit their placement if their NSC APS is more than 2 points lower than the Grade 11 APS used for conditional admission.
- **Applicants with previous higher education exposure**

  There is an opportunity for students with previous higher education experience to also apply for the BVetNurs programme.
- **International students**

A small number of international students may be admitted to the programme, including those from neighbouring Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries.

Applicants who are accepted receive a letter of confirmation from the University, which will facilitate their application for a study permit.

A valid study permit, obtained in the country of origin, is a prerequisite for registration.

The National Benchmark Test (NBT) may be required from international applicants. (www.nbt.ac.za)

International applicants must comply with all UP's and the Department of Home Affairs' regulations related to international students.

Minimum requirements						
Achievement level						
English Home Language or English First Additional Language		**Mathematics**		**Physical Science**		**APS**
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
4	D	4	D	4	D	**28**

* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Examinations and pass requirements

Refer to UP General Regulations and Rules

i. All modules of this programme are compulsory.
ii. Attendance of all lectures, practical, and clinic 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.
iii. No minimum semester/year mark is required for admission to the examination.
iv. The semester/year marks and examination mark will count 50% each towards the final mark. Only semester/year, examination and final marks are to be rounded. No condonement of marks will be allowed.
v. 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 relevant head of department, and as set out in the study guide.
vi. 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.
vii. A second- or final-year student who fails a module or modules in a year of study, has to repeat all the modules for that particular year of study, except modules which were passed with a final mark of at least 65%, for which full exemption is granted.

During the repeat year, exemption from the examination is granted for a module that was passed in the previous year with a final mark of less than 65% and if at least 80% of the practical periods were attended and a year/semester mark of at least 50% was obtained. This applies to modules where full exemption is not granted (because the final mark in the previous year was less than 65%).

Examinations are compulsory in all the modules previously failed, as well as in those modules in which exemption from the examination has not been obtained. If a student fails any of these examinations (or supplementary examination), he or she will be excluded from the programme and will not be permitted to continue.

viii. The content, format and duration of the supplementary, extraordinary, and/or special examination will be similar to that of the examination, except for oral examinations, where the supplementary, extraordinary, and/or special examination may be in a different format.
ix. 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.
x. Examinations are conducted as stipulated in the Faculty Calendar.
xi. A student will be allowed to repeat a particular year of study only once.

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 BVetNurs is conferred with distinction on a student who meets the following conditions:

- completes the degree in three years, and
- obtains a cumulative weighted average of at least 75% over the second and third years of study (the cumulative weighted average will not be rounded up to a whole number).

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Language and study skills 110 (LST 110) - Credits: 6.00
Academic orientation 108 (UPO 108) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Clinical veterinary nursing 121 (CVN 121) - Credits: 8.00
Clinical veterinary nursing 122 (CVN 122) - Credits: 8.00
Nursing professional life 100 (LPN 100) - Credits: 18.00
Primary animal health care 110 (PAH 110) - Credits: 18.00
Veterinary nursing practice 110 (PVN 110) - Credits: 12.00
Veterinary nursing practice 120 (PVN 120) - Credits: 12.00
Foundational veterinary sciences 110 (SVF 110) - Credits: 15.00
Foundational veterinary sciences 120 (SVF 120) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Clinical veterinary nursing 211 (CVN 211) - Credits: 18.00
Clinical veterinary nursing 212 (CVN 212) - Credits: 12.00
Clinical veterinary nursing 213 (CVN 213) - Credits: 12.00
Clinical veterinary nursing 214 (CVN 214) - Credits: 12.00
Clinical veterinary nursing 221 (CVN 221) - Credits: 12.00
Clinical veterinary nursing 222 (CVN 222) - Credits: 18.00
Clinical veterinary nursing 223 (CVN 223) - Credits: 18.00
Nursing professional life 210 (LPN 210) - Credits: 12.00
Veterinary nursing practice 200 (PVN 200) - Credits: 6.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 148

Core modules

Nursing professional life 300 (LPN 300) - Credits: 8.00
Veterinary nursing practice 300 (PVN 300) - Credits: 140.00

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.