

MMedVet in Small Animal Surgery (Coursework)

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Programme Code

08251047

Closing Dates

- **SA** - 30/11/2025
 - **Non-SA** - 31/08/2025
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Admission Requirements

General Admission Regulations:

Refer to the UP Institutional Admissions Policy as well as the General Academic Regulations and Student Rules (Go to <https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home> and click on General Rules and Regulations, then on General Academic Regulations and Student Rules)

1. All applications must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. Certified full academic transcripts from undergraduate to current level;
 - b. Certified copy of ID or passport;
 - c. A research concept note (not applicable to honours or coursework master's degrees): A description of the proposed research field indicating a research topic and the broad scope of the proposed study, not exceeding 500 words.
 2. All applicants with international qualifications must submit the following documents, subject to provision number 9:
 - a. A SAQA evaluation of the completed qualification or a comprehensive Foreign Qualification Report
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- b. *TOEFL or IELTS or Pearson Test of English or Oxford Test of English test results (if applicable)
- c. Certified copy of passport.
- 3. All postgraduate applications are subject to departmental admissions processes.
- 4. Admissions is based on the content of and performance in the prior degree, bridging arrangements (where required), academic merit and prior work experience (if applicable).
- 5. Admission to all qualifications is subject to supervisory capacity and/or research projects in the field of specialisation in a department, therefore the relevant department has the right to limit the number of students per year.
- 6. Complying with the minimum admissions requirements, does not automatically guarantee admission to the degree.
- 7. Proposed research studies for masters and doctoral applicants should align with the research focus of the relevant department.
- 8. *If a qualifying candidate has expressed an interest in a field of study that the relevant department cannot accommodate, the applicant may be considered for an alternative project.*
- 9. All postgraduate applicants must be proficient in English as English is the official language of tuition, communication and correspondence at the University of Pretoria. Candidates who cannot provide evidence that previous studies were completed in English, must submit TOEFL or IELTS or Pearson Test of English or Oxford Test of English test results with their application.
- 10. All applicants must be computer literate.
- 11. All students need to have access to an internet enabled device, as well as consistent email and internet access.
- 12. Allowance will be made for the diversity profile of students in accordance with the University strategy.

Minimum Admissions Requirements:

- 1. Bachelor of Veterinary Science (or equivalent) veterinary degree
- 2. Applicable experience as a veterinarian of at least two years, or training at least one year in the specific field as an intern at a recognised training facility
- 3. Registration as a veterinarian with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) or authorisation by the SAVC to be enrolled for Master of Veterinary Medicine studies

Note: An entrance examination may be required

Additional requirements

- 1. The candidate will be required to work full-time at the faculty in the field of specialisation under supervision of an approved supervisor for the required duration

Notification

While the Master of Veterinary Medicine is an advanced professional programme equivalent to specialist certification, registration to practice as a specialist is controlled by the SAVC or international

equivalent. These bodies may have additional requirements for registration that are not university requirements. Please check their requirements as well

Selection Process

- Based on an interview
 - The number of students that can be admitted to the MMedVet degree programme annually depends on the training capacity of a department, the number of specialists appointed and the number of available posts
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Minimum duration of study

3 years, full-time

Faculty Notes

The Faculty of Veterinary Science is unique in South Africa. It is the only institution responsible for training veterinarians and veterinary nurses. Our graduates and research programmes are vital in enhancing human and animal health, promoting biosecurity and welfare, and ensuring our production animals, wildlife and pets are safe and in good health.

The quality and scope of the Faculty's training is such that our graduates are able to enter postgraduate programmes at universities across the world and can practice in many countries without the need to write registration exams. The Faculty is locally relevant and passionate about meeting the needs of South Africa. This not only applies to commercial farming but also to primary animal healthcare, where veterinarians as well as veterinary nurses can assist rural communities and smallholder farmers.

Enquiries about the programme

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How to apply



Online Application



Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

Disclaimer: Due to the continuous restructuring of the Faculty and this website, some of the information displayed here may not fully reflect the most recent developments in the Faculty. Any discrepancies that are experienced may be taken up with Student Administration of the Faculty.