

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

Pathology: Wildlife 806 (PAT 806)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Veterinary Science
Module credits	28.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Paraclinical Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The emphasis of the module is on practical diagnostic pathology (including forensic pathology) and its outcomes will enable a veterinarian to investigate disease and the cause of death in wildlife. The approach will emphasise the following: After conducting a necropsy, a diagnosis is finalised by also considering the results of other diagnostic tests and ancillary data; when it is not possible to make a final diagnosis, the formulation of a list of differential diagnoses and a strategy to resolve the problem; compiling interim and final report(s) that are scientifically sound, presentable to a court of law and reflect a degree of professionalism that is commensurate with a professional person. The theoretical component includes selected information dealing with incidental findings and 'non-lesions', species-specific infectious diseases, and non-infectious diseases.

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