

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Veterinary professional life 122 (VPL 122)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Veterinary Science
Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Veterinary Science [BVSc]
Prerequisites	Second year academic level and admission to relevant programme
Contact time	Web-based learning
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Veterinary Tropical Diseases
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The VPL 122 module provides students that enter the BVSc programme from the second year an opportunity to cover the content presented in VPL101 online.

The five-year programme on veterinary professional life contributes to the development of life skills to enable veterinarians to be consummate professionals capable of dealing with the diverse challenges of professional and everyday life. The VPL 122 module provides an introduction to human-animal relationships in general and animal ethics and welfare in particular. Students are exposed to diversity in the veterinary profession and the concepts of difference, bias and stereotyping. Professional communication and mental wellness skills are introduced. Community-based learning involves excursions where students are exposed to some of the practical and clinical aspects of veterinary science

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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