Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Clinical Studies
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2.	Year N/A
3.	Applicable to Academic Year Students commencing in 2021-22
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination
	Core & Track Rotations and Extramural Studies (EMS) as described for the BVetMed programme
5.	Form of Examination
5.1.	Core and Track Rotations Each rotation will have a weighted summative grade. The grade will be weighted according to the number of weeks in the rotation. (The 'rotation-week').
	There are 22 weeks of Core rotations. Core rotations consist of 12 one-week grades and 5 two-week grades.
	There are minimum of 6 weeks of Tracking rotations. All track rotations are two-week grades except for Small Animal 3 and Small Animal 6 which comprise of 2 one-week grades.
5.2.	Extra Mural Studies Placement (EMS) A minimum of 20 weeks of EMS placement or Track Rotations (additional to those described in 5.1.) in order to complete a schedule of at least 48 weeks.
6.	Marking Criteria
6.1.	Core and Track Rotations
	Students' performance in the rotation will be graded according to agreed College Criteria.
	Students' performance in each rotation is awarded an overall grade of a 'Pass' or a 'Fail' with the following categories being taken in to account:
	Professional ActivityPractical Skills
6.2.	Practical Skills
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8.	Requirements to Pass Overall
	In order to be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate a student will be required to have:
	Passed each of the individual Core & Track Rotations (as stated in section 5.1.) AND
	Successfully completed the required number of EMS placements / Track Rotations (as stated in section 5.2.) in order to complete a minimum of 48 weeks. AND
	Completed the course within 18 months
9.	Consequences of Failure
9.1.	If a student fails a rotation thet are permitted to repeat it once.
9.2.	A student who fails any rotation twice will normally be required to leave the course. They have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.
10.	Classification and Award
	The Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Clinical Studies will be graded as Pass or Fail only.
11.	Disclosure of Marks
	Results will be published by candidate number.
12.	Absence From Assessment
	Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> absence, they will be marked absent from the rotation or in course module assessment. Where a student has been absent they will be required to repeat and retake the module or rotation at the next scheduled opportunity. It will be counted as a deferred assessment and will not count as one failure for the purposes of section 9.2. above.
	An allowable absence is one that results from a significant unforeseeable event such as illness. Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by the Student Performance and Development system and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.
	A student absent for any other reason will be awarded fail for the rotation and it will count as a failure for the purposes of section 9.2 above.