

## Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	<b>Course</b> BSc Veterinary Nursing
2.	<b>Year</b> 4
3.	<b>Applicable to Academic Year</b> 2023-24
4.	<b>Aspects of Course Covered by Examination</b>  All modules studied in Year 4.
5.	<b>Form of Examination</b>
5.1.	<b>Research Methods:</b> <b>Project Proposal:</b> 2000 words <b>Written Exam:</b> Up to 2 hour written exam
5.2.	<b>Elective Modules:</b> Choose ONE from the following;
5.2.1.	<b>Option 1:</b>  <b>Advanced Practice Toolkit:</b> <b>Assignment:</b> 1500 words <b>Written Exam:</b> up to 1.5 hour written exam  <b>AND</b>  <b>Pathology:</b> <b>Assignment:</b> 2500 words <b>Written Exam:</b> 1.5 hour exam  OR
5.2.2.	<b>Option 2 (from the CertAVN).:</b>  <b>ECC: Unit 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Unit 1 - Assignment:</b> 1500 words <b>Unit 2 - Assignment:</b> 1500 words <b>Unit 1&amp;2 - Written Exam:</b> 2 hour written exam  OR
5.2.3.	<b>Option 3 (from the CertAVN).:</b>  <b>Anaesthesia &amp; Analgesia: Unit 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Unit 1 - Assignment:</b> 1500 words <b>Unit 2 - Assignment:</b> 1500 words <b>Unit 1 &amp; 2 - Written Exam:</b> 2 hour written exam
5.2.4	<b>Option 4 (from the CertAVN).:</b>  <b>Medical Nursing: Unit 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Unit 1 - Assignment:</b> 1500 words <b>Unit 2 - Assignment:</b> 1500 words <b>Unit 1 &amp; 2 - Written Exam:</b> 2 hour written exam  <b>Final Year Project:</b>

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5.3	<p><b>Written Project:</b> 5000-word project informing clinical practice  <b>Oral Presentation:</b> Poster presentation with Q&amp;A</p>			
<b>6.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>			
6.1.	<p><b>Examinations &amp; Assignments:</b>  The appropriate College Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking extended pieces of work depending on the type of assessment. The Common Grading Schemes available are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Grading Scheme (LAQ)</li> <li>• Common Grading Scheme (Project)</li> <li>• Common Grading Scheme (CPRQ)</li> <li>• College 0-10 Marking Scheme Mark sheet for Poster Presentation</li> </ul>			
6.2.	<p><b>Final Year Project:</b>  Common Grading Scheme (Projects)</p>			
6.3.	<p><b>Multiple Choice Questions:</b>  The pass mark for the MCQ examinations as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, normalised, and then scaled. The number of marks available for each type of question will be clearly stated on the examination paper. A question left unanswered or deleted by the student will score zero.</p>			
6.4.	<p><b>Short Answer Questions</b>  Short Answer Questions are marked against the College's 0-10 marking scheme.</p>			
6.5.	<p><b>Clinical and Professional Reasoning Questions</b>  CPRQs are marked against the College's CPRQ marking scheme.</p>			
6.6	<p><b>Project Presentations</b>  The College marking scheme for Poster Presentations will be used for all appropriate presentations.</p>			
<b>7.</b>	<b>Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements</b>			
	<b>First Sit</b>	<b>Weighting within Module</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>	<b>Resit</b>
7.1.	<p><b>Research Methods:</b>  Project Proposal:  Written Exam:</p>	<b>50%</b>	<b>30 credits</b>	As first sit.
		<b>50%</b>		
7.2.	<p><b>Final Year Project:</b>  Written Project:  Project Presentation:  Supervisor's Assessment:</p>	<b>80%</b>	<b>60 credits</b>	A module passed at the second attempt may only be awarded a maximum of 40%
		<b>15%</b>		
		<b>5%</b>		
7.3.	<b>Elective Modules:</b> ONE from the following;			
7.3.1	<p><b>Option 1 pathway</b>  <b>Advanced Practice Toolkit:</b>  Assignment:  Written Exam:</p>	<b>25%</b>	<b>30 credits</b>	
		<b>25%</b>		

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7.3.2.	<p><b>Pathology:</b>  Assignment: 25%  Written Exam: 25%</p> <p><b>Option 2 pathway  BSc ECC: Unit 1 &amp; 2</b>  Assignment 1: 25%  Assignment 2: 25%  Written Exam: 50%</p>	25% 25%	30 credits	
7.3.3.	<p><b>Option 3 pathway  BSc Anaesthesia: Unit 1 &amp; 2</b>  Assignment 1: 25%  Assignment 2: 25%  Written Exam: 50%</p>	25% 25% 50%	30 credits	
7.3.4	<p><b>Option 4 pathway  BSc Medical Nursing: Unit 1 &amp; 2</b>  Assignment 1: 25%  Assignment 2: 25%  Written Exam 50%</p>	25% 25% 50%	30 credits	
The Year 4 mark will be comprised of the marks achieved for the modules (50%) plus the Final Year Project component marks (50%).				
<b>8.</b>	<b>Requirements to Pass</b>			
8.1.	<p><b>Requirements to Pass Each Module</b>  In order to pass a module and obtain the associated credits a student must obtain an aggregate average of 40% from the assessment activities combined.</p>			
8.2.	<p><b>Requirements to be Awarded the BSc</b>  To have passed individual modules which, when combined, amount to 60 credits in total with no module gaining a mark less than 35%.</p>			
8.3.	<p><b>Requirements to be Awarded the BSc with Honours</b>  To have passed individual modules which, when combined, amount to 60 credits in total  AND  To have passed the 60 credit Final Year Project module.</p>			
<b>9.</b>	<b>Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete</b>			
9.1.	A student who is awarded a mark less than 35% in any module will be required to resit any failed assessment activity, at the next available opportunity, in order to pass the module overall. The module mark obtained at the second (resit) attempt will be no greater than a bare pass (40%).			
9.2.	A student who is awarded a mark between 35% - 40% in any module will have the option to resit any failed assessment activity, at the next available opportunity, in order to pass the module overall. The module mark obtained at the second (resit) attempt will be no greater than a bare pass (40%).			

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9.3.	A student who is unable to obtain the award at the second attempt is required to relinquish the course. They will have the right of appeal as described in College Regulations. A candidate who is eligible for BSc but not BSc Honours will also have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.																
<b>10.</b>	<b>Award and Classification</b>																
10.1.	For students on the BSc pathway the marks from Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be weighted as follows, aggregated, and then scaled to a percentage to be used for classification: <b>Year 1:</b> 0% <b>Year 2:</b> 15% <b>Year 3:</b> 15% <b>Year 4:</b> 70%																
10.2.	For students previously on the FdSc pathway who have gained entry to the 4 <sup>th</sup> year, the marks from Year 4 alone shall be used for classification.																
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<b>11.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Marks</b>  Results will be published by candidate number.																
<b>12.</b>	<b>Absence from Summative Assessment</b>  Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> absence, they will be marked absent (A) from a summative assessment and will be required to sit the assessment activity at the next available opportunity.  An allowable absence is one that is for 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 0 (zero) for the assessment.																

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<b>13.</b>	<b>Late Submission of Work</b>
13.1.	Reports, Projects and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the College's General Assessment Regulations.
13.2.	Within this year the major pieces of work are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Written Project (Final Year Project Module) – 40% minimum</li></ul>