

Individual Report

Exam board meeting: 12-Oct-2022

RCVS Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice, 2022/23

Professor Carmel Mooney

The Programme

Please comment, as appropriate, on the following aspects of the programme:

1.1 Course content

The programme is wide ranging in material in line with the different subject areas of the modules. The content is suitable for the aims of CertAVP.

1.2 Learning objectives, and the extent to which they were met

Learning objectives were clear and adequately met by those candidates who pass.

1.3 Teaching methods

Adequate

1.4 Resources (in so far as they affected the assessment)

Adequate

Student performance

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

2.1 Students' performance in relation to those at a similar stage on comparable courses in other institutions, where this is known to you

Students' performance comparable to others seeking AVP.

2.2 Quality of candidates' knowledge and skills, with particular reference to those at the top, middle or bottom of the range

Good spread of overall marks with some outstanding students.

2.3 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the students' performance

In the main, the students approach is admirable and exhibits strong self-reflection. An occasional student struggles with this concept but they are given appropriate help and offered further opportunities to improve.

Assessment Procedures

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

3.1 Assessment methods (relevance to learning objectives and curriculum)

Adequate

3.2 Extent to which assessment procedures are rigorous

Assessment strategies are rigorous

3.3 Consistency of the level of assessment with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)

Adequate

3.4 Standard of marking

Adequate

3.5 In your view, are the procedures for assessment and the determination of awards sound and fairly conducted? (e.g. Briefing, Exam administration, marking arrangements, Board of Examiners, participation by External Examiners)

Absolutely. The only minor issue was that due to unforeseen circumstances, one examination paper was not available for review, but examination questions that had been pre-reviewed were subsequently used. The manner in which the whole process of carrying out examinations is exemplary.

COURSE DIRECTOR: Dr Jill Maddison

Course Director Response:

We apologise for that oversight and will ensure that all papers are sent for scrutiny prior to the examination

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

01-May-2023

Action assigned to:

CertAVP Manager

3.6 Opinion on changes to the assessment procedures from previous years in which you have examined

Not applicable

3.7 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the procedures

During review of examination papers, I suggested that examination candidates are made aware of different marks assigned to sub-questions if applicable.

COURSE DIRECTOR: Dr Jill Maddison

Course Director Response:

Will will action this for the next round of examinations

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

01-Jul-2023

Action assigned to:

CertAVP Manager

4.3 I approved the papers for the Examination

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Please see previous comment on one examination paper not being available.

4.4 I was able to scrutinise an adequate sample of students' work and marks to enable me to carry out my duties

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.5 I attended the meeting of the Board of Examiners held to approve the results of the Examination

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.6 Candidates were considered impartially and fairly

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.7 The standards set for the awards are appropriate for qualifications at this level, in this subject

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.8 The standards of student performance are comparable with similar programmes or subjects in other UK institutions with which I am familiar

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.9 I have received enough training and support to carry out my role

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.10 I have received sufficient information to carry out my role (where information was insufficient, please give details)

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.11 Appropriate procedures and processes have been followed

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

4.12 The processes for assessment and the determination of awards are sound

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Completion

If you have identified any areas of good practice, please comment more fully here. We may use information provided in our annual external examining report:

5.1 Do you have any suggestions for improvements based on experience at other institutes? We may use information provided in our annual external examining report:

The staff at the RVS are to be applauded for the immense effort they put in to providing feedback for case summaries that are a necessary part of the CertAVP. This feedback is a really valuable resource for students - it is detailed, fair and provides encouragement to improve.

COURSE DIRECTOR: Dr Jill Maddison

Course Director Response:

Thank you for your very positive feedback. We will ensure that our assessors are made aware of it.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

01-Feb-2023

Action assigned to:

CertAVP Manager