

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course BSc Veterinary Nursing
2.	Year 4
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2026/27
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Assessment All modules studied in Year 4.
5.	Form of Assessment
5.1.	Research Methods: Project Proposal: 2000 words Written Exam: Up to 2 hour written exam
5.2.	Elective Modules: Choose ONE from the following;
5.2.1.	Option 1: Advanced Practice Toolkit: Assignment: 1500 words Written Exam: up to 1.5 hour written exam AND Pathology: Assignment: 2500 words Written Exam: 1 hour exam OR
5.2.2.	Option 2 (from the CertAVN).: ECC: Unit 1 & 2 Unit 1 - Assignment: 1500 words Unit 2 - Assignment: 1500 words Unit 1&2 - Written Exam: 2 hour written exam OR
5.2.3.	Option 3 (from the CertAVN).: Anaesthesia & Analgesia: Unit 1 & 2 Unit 1 - Assignment: 1500 words Unit 2 - Assignment: 1500 words Unit 1 & 2 - Written Exam: 2 hour written exam OR
5.2.4	Option 4 (from the CertAVN).: Medical Nursing: Unit 1 & 2 Unit 1 - Assignment: 1500 words

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5.3	<p style="text-align: center;">Unit 2 - Assignment: 1500 words Unit 1 & 2 - Written Exam: 2 hour written exam</p> <p>Final Year Project: Written Project: 5000-word project informing clinical practice Oral Presentation: Poster presentation with Q&A Supervisor's Assessment: Supervisor will allocate marks on student's involvement in the project</p>			
6.	Marking Criteria			
6.1.	<p>Examinations & Assignments: The appropriate RVC 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"> • Common Grading Scheme (LAQ) • Common Grading Scheme (Project) • Common Grading Scheme (CPRQ - Undergraduate) • RVC 0-10 Marking Scheme • Mark sheet for Poster Presentation 			
6.2.	<p>Final Year Project: Common Grading Scheme (Projects)</p>			
6.3.	<p>Multiple Choice Questions: 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>Short Answer Questions Short Answer Questions are marked against the College's 0-10 marking scheme.</p>			
6.5.	<p>Clinical and Professional Reasoning Questions CPRQs are marked against the RVC's CPRQ marking scheme.</p>			
6.6	<p>Project Presentations The College marking scheme for Poster Presentations will be used for all appropriate presentations.</p>			
7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements			
	First Sit	Weighting within Module	Credit Value	Resit
7.1.	<p>Research Methods: Project Proposal: Written Exam:</p>	<p>50% 50%</p>	30 credits	As first sit.
7.2.	<p>Final Year Project: Written Project: Project Presentation: Supervisor's Assessment:</p>	<p>80% 15% 5%</p>	60 credits	
7.3.	Elective Modules: ONE from the following;			

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7.3.1	Option 1 pathway Advanced Practice Toolkit: Assignment: 25% Written Exam: 25% Pathology: Assignment: 25% Written Exam: 25%	25% 25%	30 credits	
7.3.2.	Option 2 pathway BSc ECC: Unit 1 & 2 Assignment 1: 25% Assignment 2: 25% Written Exam: 50%	25% 25% 50%	30 credits	
7.3.3.	Option 3 pathway BSc Anaesthesia: Unit 1 & 2 Assignment 1: 25% Assignment 2: 25% Written Exam: 50%	25% 25% 50%	30 credits	
7.3.4	Option 4 pathway BSc Medical Nursing: Unit 1 & 2 Assignment 1: 25% Assignment 2: 25% Written Exam: 50%	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%).				
8.	Requirements to Pass			
8.1.	Requirements to Pass Each Module 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.			
8.2.	Requirements to be Awarded the BSc To have passed individual modules which, when combined, amount to 60 credits in total.			
8.3.	Requirements to be Awarded the BSc with Honours To have passed 120 credits including the Final Year Project module.			
9.	Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete			
9.1.	A student who is awarded a mark less than 40% in any module will be required to resit any failed assessment activity where they have achieved a mark less than 40%, 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 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 RVC Regulations. A			

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	candidate who is eligible for BSc but not BSc Honours will also have a right of appeal as described in RVC Regulations.								
10.	Award and Classification								
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: Year 1: 0% Year 2: 15% Year 3: 15% Year 4: 70%								
10.2.	For students previously on the FdSc pathway who have gained entry to the 4 th year, the marks from Year 4 alone shall be used for classification.								
10.3.	For students who have passed the year overall as described in 8 above, the Degree shall be classified as follows:								
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11.	Disclosure of Marks Results will be published by candidate number.								
12.	Absence from Summative Assessment A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.								
13.	Late Submission of Work								
13.1.	Reports, Projects and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the RVC's General Assessment Regulations.								