

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course Foundation & BSc Veterinary Nursing
2.	Year 2
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2026/27
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Assessment All modules studied in Year 2
5.	Form of Assessment
5.1.	Understanding Diseases and Diagnostic Techniques Paper: 2 hour paper (MCQs and SAQs) Assignment: Case study Presentation: Group oral presentation
5.2.	Theatre Practice and Veterinary Anaesthesia Paper: 2 hour paper (MCQs and SAQs) Assignment: Group oral presentation
5.3.	Emergency & Critical Care Paper: 1½ hour paper (MCQs and SAQs) Assignment: Standard operating procedure assignment
5.4	Academic & Professional Development 2 Assignment 1: Literature review Assignment 2: Employability report
6.	Marking Criteria
6.1.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Grading Scheme (LAQ) • Common Grading Scheme (Reflective Writing)
6.2.	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 candidate will score zero.
6.3.	Short Answer Questions Short Answer Questions are marked against the RVC's 0-10 marking scheme.
6.4.	Oral Presentations The RVC's marking scheme for Oral Presentations will be used for all appropriate presentations.
6.5.	Formative Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) A pass mark will be provided along with verbal feedback.

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7. Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements				
	First Sit	Weighting	Credit Value	Resit
7.1.	Disease and Diagnostic Techniques Paper Assignment Presentation	30% 40% 30%	45	As first sit.
7.2.	Theatre Practice and Veterinary Anaesthesia Paper Presentation	50% 50%	30	
7.3	Emergency & Critical Care Paper Assignment	75% 25%	15	
7.4	Academic & Professional Development 2 Assignment 1 Assignment 2	75% 25%	15	
8.	Requirements to Pass Overall			
8.1	Year 2 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing			
	Modules			
	In order to pass a module a student must obtain at least 40% from each of the assessment activities			
8.2	FdSc/BSc Year 2 In order to pass Year 2 overall a student must achieve a pass in all modules			
8.3	Certificate of Higher Education in Small Animal Welfare and Care			
8.3.1	Students who are unable to progress to Year 3 may be eligible to receive a Certificate of Higher Education.			
8.3.2	To obtain the Certificate in Higher Education, students must have achieved a pass in all Year 1 modules and achieve at least 30 credits from Year 2 (totalling at least 120 credits with a minimum of 90 credits from Year 1).			
9.	Requirements to Proceed			
9.1	To Proceed to Year 3 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing To have met the requirements to pass Year 2 overall (section 8.1).			
10.	Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete			
10.1	A student is required to resit any module failed at the first attempt (<40%). In order to resit the module a student will retake any assessment activity failed at the first attempt.			
10.2	The mark obtained for a module at the second attempt shall be no greater than 40%.			

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10.3	A student who has failed both the first sit examination and the re-sit examination and has not previously repeated a year of undergraduate study at the RVC (on any programme) will be entitled to repeat the year and will carry forward marks for any passed modules into the repeat year. Students are required to repeat all assessment activities of all failed modules. The number of attempts at the previously failed assessments will be the same as for those students not repeating the year. All Module marks undertaken under the 'repeat year' rule will be capped at a maximum of a bare pass (40%) and that will be the mark carried forward for degree classification.
10.4	A student who is studying full time and has failed the year at the second attempt and has previously repeated a year of undergraduate study at the RVC (on any programme) will be required to withdraw from the course. They will have a right of appeal as described in the RVC's Regulations.
10.5	Any student who has failed after having taken all resit and repeat opportunities will be required to withdraw from the course. They will have a right of appeal as described in the RVC Regulations.
11.	Award and Classification
11.1	Year 2 of the FdSc contributes 65% towards the overall FdSc final mark.
11.2	The marks obtained from Year 2 of the BSc contribute 20% of the total marks towards degree classification.
12.	Disclosure of Marks
	Results will be published by candidate number.
13.	Absence from Summative Assessment
	If a student does not submit a piece of assessment or is absent from an examination the mark awarded will be 0 (zero).
14.	Late Submission of Work
	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.