

ASSESSMENT & AWARD REGULATIONS

1.	Course Graduate Diploma in Professional and Clinical Veterinary Nursing
2.	Year Stage Two – Elective Modules
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2016/17
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination All Elective modules studied
5.	Form of Examination
5.1.	Anaesthesia incorporating Analgesia: Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE
5.2.	Emergency and Critical Care Nursing incorporating Fluid Therapy: Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE
5.3.	Surgical Nursing incorporating Wound Management: Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE
5.4.	Diagnostic Imaging: Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE
5.5.	Medical Nursing: Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE
6.	Marking Criteria
6.1.	Written Exams and Assignments The RVC Common Grading Scheme will be used as appropriate for extended pieces of writing with 0-10 marking scheme used for short answer responses of a factual nature.
6.2.	Multiple Choice Questions 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.	OSPVEs A pass mark will be set for each station. The pass mark for the examination as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, including if appropriate a minimum number of stations to be passed.

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7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements			
7.1.		First Sit	Resit	Module Credits
	Anaesthesia incorporating Analgesia Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE	50% 50% Pass/Fail	50% 50% Pass/Fail	20 credits
	Emergency and Critical Care Nursing incorporating Fluid Therapy Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE	50% 50% Pass/Fail	50% 50% Pass/Fail	20 credits
	Surgical Nursing incorporating Wound Management Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE	50% 50% Pass/Fail	50% 50% Pass/Fail	20 credits
	Diagnostic Imaging Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE	50% 50% Pass/Fail	50% 50% Pass/Fail	20 credits
	Medical Nursing Extended Patient Care Reports Written Examination OSPVE	50% 50% Pass/Fail	50% 50% Pass/Fail	20 credits
7.2.	Candidates need to pass three modules to complete Stage 2.			
8.	Requirements to Pass Overall and Progress to the Next Stage			
8.1.	First Sit Requirement to Pass a Module In order to pass each module the student must achieve an aggregate average of 50%. AND Pass the associated OSPVE. Requirement to Pass Stage 2 Overall In order to pass Stage 2 the student must achieve a pass in three Elective modules.			
8.2.	Resit As First Sit			
9.	Consequences of Failure			
9.1.	A candidate who achieves less than 50% for a module will be required to resit that module's assessment activity/ies where a mark of less than 50% (fail) was obtained, unless already taken for second time. The mark obtained for any module where an assessment activity has been repeated, will be awarded a mark no greater than 50%.			
9.2.	A candidate who fails a module's OSPVE assessment is required to resit that assessment element.			

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9.3.	A candidate who fails a module at the second attempt is required to relinquish the course. S/he has a right of appeal as described in the College Regulations.								
9.4.	A candidate who successfully completed Stage 1 remains eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate.								
10.	<p>Classification</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Average mark of 70% or more:</td> <td>Distinction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average mark of 65-69%:</td> <td>Merit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average mark of 50-64%:</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average mark <49%:</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </table> <p>The overall mark for the award of the Graduate Diploma will be averaged from the mark achieved in Stage 1 (50%) and the mark achieved in Stage 2 (50%) of the course.</p>	Average mark of 70% or more:	Distinction	Average mark of 65-69%:	Merit	Average mark of 50-64%:	Pass	Average mark <49%:	Fail
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11.	<p>Disclosure of Marks</p> <p>Results will be published by candidate number.</p>								
12.	<p>Absence from Summative Assessment</p>								
12.1.	Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> absence, s/he will be marked absent (A) from a summative assessment and will be required to undertake the assessment 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 Academic Progress Committee and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.								
12.2.	A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.								
13.	<p>Late Submission of Work</p> <p>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.</p>								