

ASSESSMENT & AWARD REGULATIONS

1.	Course Foundation Degree in Science in Veterinary Nursing
2.	Year 2
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2017/18
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination All modules studied in Year 2
5.	Form of Examination There are normally three forms of examination; written examinations, assignments and practical examinations. 5.1. Anaesthesia & Emergency Critical Care Paper 1: up to 2 hour paper containing MCQ's and Short Answer Questions Assignment 1: Patient Care Report 5.2. Diagnostic Techniques Paper 2: up to 2 hour paper containing MCQ's and Short Answer Questions 5.3. Professional Development & Clinical Skills (II) OSPVE: 12 stations covering a range of clinical skills from Year 1 RCVS Nursing Progress Log: continuous assessment of practical skills in practice Reflective Component: Discussion forum activity relevant to Year 2 [Practical skills will be assessed via the RCVS electronic Nursing Progress Log continuously throughout the course and must be completed by the end of Year 3 of the course].
6.	Marking Criteria
6.1.	Assignments: RVC Common Grading Scheme.
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 College's 0-10 marking scheme.
6.4.	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, then normalised and scaled.
6.5.	Reflective component (Discussion Forum) The discussion forum activity must be satisfactorily completed in accordance with the guidelines and will be graded as pass or fail.

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7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements			
	First Sit	Weighting	Credit Value	Resit
7.1.	Anaesthesia & Emergency Critical Care Paper 1 Assignment 1	67% 33%	25	As first sit. A module passed at the second attempt may only be awarded a maximum of 50%
7.2.	Diagnostic Techniques Paper 2	100%	25	
7.3.	Professional Development & Clinical Skills (II) OSPVE Reflective Discussion Forum	100% Pass/ Fail	10	
8.	Requirements to Pass Overall			
8.1.	Year 2 of the FDS Sc Veterinary Nursing			
8.1.1.	Modules			
	In order to pass a module a student must obtain an aggregated average of 50% from the assessment activities combined.			
	AND			
	At least 40% in each individual assessment activity.			
8.1.2.	FDS Sc Year 2			
	To have achieved a pass in all modules			
	AND			
	To have achieved a pass in the practical examinations (OSPVE's)			
	AND			
	To have achieved a pass in the Reflective Discussion Forum activity.			
9.	Requirements to Proceed			
	To Proceed to Year 3 of the FDS Sc Veterinary Nursing			
	To have met the requirements to pass Year 2 of the FDS Sc overall (section 8.1.2).			
10.	Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete			
10.1.	A student is required to resit any module failed at the first attempt. In order to resit 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 50%.			
10.3.	A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has not previously repeated a year of study will be entitled to repeat the year. The number of attempts at assessments will be the same as for those students not repeating the year. All modules taken under the 'repeat year' rule will be capped at a maximum of a bare pass.			
10.4.	A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has previously repeated a year of study will be required to withdraw from the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.			
10.5.	A student who has not passed at the end of a repeated year is required to appeal irrespective of any deferrals.			

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10.6.	A student who successfully completed Year 1 remains eligible for the award of Certificate in Higher Education in Small Animal Welfare & Care.
11.	<p>Award and Classification</p> <p>Year 2 of the FDS<i>c</i> contributes 50% towards the overall FDS<i>c</i> final mark.</p> <p>Average mark of 50 - 64% obtained from year 2 and 3 combined: Pass Average mark of 65 - 69% obtained from year 2 and 3 combined: Merit Average mark of 70% or more obtained from year 2 and 3 combined: Distinction</p>
12.	<p>Disclosure of Marks</p> <p>Results will be published by candidate number.</p>
13.	<p>Absence from Summative Assessment</p> <p>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 sit the assessment activity at the next available opportunity.</p> <p>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 (formerly Academic Progress Committee) and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.</p> <p>A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.</p>
14.	<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>