Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	**Course**	Graduate Diploma in Professional and Clinical Veterinary Nursing
2.	**Applicable to Academic Year** For students commencing the course in May 2017	
3.	**Credit Value and Award Regulations** The credit value of each module and the required combination of modules for each award title is shown in the Part 2 Award Pathway document.	
4.	**Marking Criteria**	
4.1.	**Written Examinations 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.	
5.	**Requirements to Pass**	
5.1.	**Requirements to Pass each Module** To have achieved a weighted, aggregated average of at least 50% (or gained exemptions) from all of the pieces of work combined.	
5.2.	**Requirements to Progress from Stage 0 to Stage 1 (Level 5 to Level 6)** To have passed or gained exemption from the Stage 0.	
5.3. 5.3.1.	**Requirements to be Awarded the Graduate Certificate or Progress from Stage 1 to Stage 2** To have passed the Stage 1 to the value of 45 credits according to the pattern required by the award map.	
5.3.2.	**Progression and Award** A student can choose either to progress to Stage 2 or to claim the award of Graduate Certificate.	
5.4.	**Requirements to gain the Graduate Diploma** To have passed individual module(s) (including exemptions) amounting to 90 credits at level 6 according to the requirements of the award map	
6.	**Consequences of Failure**	
6.1.	A student who fails a module at the first attempt shall have a right to resit. S/he will be required to resit those pieces of work that were failed (with less than 50%) at the next available opportunity.	
6.2.	The module mark obtained at the second attempt will be no greater than 50%.	
6.3.	A student who fails at the second attempt will be required to relinquish the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations	
7.	**Classification & Awards**	
7.1.	From the combined mark taken from all of the components defined above, a candidate who achieves: 70% or more at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules: Distinction 65-69% at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules: Merit 50-64% at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules: Pass	

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8.	**Disclosure of Marks**	
	Results will be published by candidate number.	
9.	**Absence From In-Course Assessment**	
9.1.	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 and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.	
9.2.	A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.	
10.	**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 College's General Assessment Regulations. Major pieces of work are specified in the Part 3 Assessment Weighting document and will be reduced to a maximum of a bare pass (50%) within the late submission window.	