

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course Foundation Degree in Science in Veterinary Nursing
2.	Year 1
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2019/20
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination All modules studied in Year 1
5.	Form of Examination There are normally three forms of examination; written examinations, assignments and practical examinations.
5.1.	Clinical Nursing Practice I Paper 1: Up to 2 hour paper containing MCQs and Short Answer Questions Assignment 1: Patient Care Report
5.2.	Clinical Nursing Practice II Paper 2: Up to 2 hour paper containing MCQs and Short Answer Questions Assignment 2: Essay
5.3.	Veterinary Nursing Applied Science I Paper 3: Up to 2 hour paper containing MCQs and Short Answer Questions Assignment 3: Essay
5.4.	Veterinary Nursing Applied Science II Paper 4: Up to 2 hour paper containing MCQs and Short Answer Questions Assignment 4: Written Assessment
5.5.	Professional Development & Clinical Skills (I) RCVS Day one skills and competencies (via Nursing Progress Log): continuous assessment of practical skills in practice Reflective Component: Discussion forum activity relevant to Year 1 [RCVS Day one skills and competencies for veterinary nurses will be assessed continuously throughout the course via an approved electronic student experience log (currently the Nursing Progress Log), which must be completed by the end of Year 3 of the course].
6.	Marking Criteria
6.1.	Assignments: Common Grading Scheme (LAQ & CPRQ)
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.

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6.4.	<p>Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) 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.</p>			
6.5.	<p>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.</p>			
7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements			
	First Sit	Weighting	Credit Value	Resit
7.1.	<p>Clinical Nursing Practice I Paper 1 Assignment 1</p>	<p>67% 33%</p>	25	<p>As first sit. A module passed at the second attempt may only be awarded a maximum of 50%</p>
7.2.	<p>Clinical Nursing Practice II Paper 2 Assignment 2</p>	<p>67% 33%</p>	25	
7.3.	<p>Veterinary Nursing Applied Science I Paper 3 Assignment 3</p>	<p>67% 33%</p>	25	
7.4.	<p>Veterinary Nursing Applied Science II Paper 4 Assignment 4</p>	<p>67% 33%</p>	25	
7.5.	<p>Professional Development & Clinical Skills (I) Reflective Discussion Forum</p>	<p>100%</p>	20	
8.	Requirements to Pass Overall			
8.1.	Year 1 of the FDS Sc Veterinary Nursing			
8.1.1.	<p>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</p>			
8.1.2.	<p>FDS Sc Year 1 To have achieved a pass in all modules AND To have achieved a pass in the Reflective Discussion Forum activity.</p>			
8.2.	Certificate of Higher Education in Small Animal Welfare and Care			
8.2.1.	<p>Modules In order to pass a module a student must obtain an aggregated average of 40% from the assessment activities combined</p>			

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8.2.2.	<p>Certificate</p> <p>To have achieved a pass in all modules for Year 1</p> <p>OR</p> <p>To have achieved an outright pass in modules to the value of 95 credits and to have obtained an average for the year of at least 40% and to have no module with a mark of less than 35%.</p>
9.	<p>Requirements to Proceed</p> <p>To Proceed to Year 2 of the FdSc Veterinary Nursing</p> <p>To have met the requirements to pass Year 1 of the FdSc overall (section 8.1.2).</p>
10.	<p>Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10.2. The mark obtained for a module at the second attempt shall be not greater than 50%</p> <p>10.3. A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has not previously repeated a year of undergraduate study at the College (on any programme) 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 Year marks or Module marks under the 'repeat year' rule will be capped at a maximum of a bare pass and that will be the mark carried forward for degree classification.</p> <p>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 College (on any programme) will be required to withdraw from the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.</p> <p>10.5. A full time student who has not passed at the end of a repeated year is required to appeal irrespective of any deferrals.</p> <p>10.6. Any student who has failed after having taken all resit and repeat opportunities will be required to withdraw from the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.</p>
11.	<p>Award and Classification</p> <p>11.1. The award of Certificate is available only to students who do not proceed to Year 2 of the FdSc.</p> <p>11.2. The award of Certificate will be classified by the aggregate average marks as follows:</p> <p>40-59% Pass 60-69% Merit 70% or more Distinction</p>
12.	<p>Disclosure of Marks</p> <p>Results will be published by candidate number.</p>

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13.	Absence from Summative Assessment 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. 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 Student Performance and Development System (formerly Academic Progress Committee) and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances. A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.
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 College's General Assessment Regulations.