

## Assessment & Award Regulations

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| 1.   | <b>Course</b> Foundation & BSc Veterinary Nursing   |
| 2.   | <b>Year</b> 1   |
| 3.   | <b>Applicable to Academic Year</b> 2023-24  |
| 4.   | <b>Aspects of Course Covered by Examination</b><br><br>All modules studied in Year 1  |
| 5.   | <b>Form of Examination</b>  |
| 5.1. | <b>Applied Animal Health &amp; Welfare 1</b><br><b>Paper:</b> 1 hour paper (MCQs)<br><b>Assignment:</b> Report  |
| 5.2. | <b>Applied Animal Health &amp; Welfare 2</b><br><b>Paper:</b> 1 hour paper (MCQs)<br><b>Assignment:</b> Short communication<br><b>Presentation:</b> Oral presentation with slides   |
| 5.3. | <b>Academic &amp; Professional Development 1</b><br><b>Assignment 1:</b> Reflective report<br><b>Assignment 2:</b> Peer reviewed reflective report<br><b>Presentation:</b> 10 min group oral presentation with slides<br><b>Practical:</b> Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS)<br>Placement documentation  |
| 6.   | <b>Marking Criteria</b>   |
| 6.1. | <b>Assignments</b><br>The appropriate College Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking extended pieces of work depending on the type of assessment.<br>The Common Grading Schemes available are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Grading Scheme (LAQ)</li> <li>• Common Grading Scheme (Reflective Writing)</li> </ul>                                  |
| 6.2. | <b>Multiple Choice Questions</b><br>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. | <b>Short Answer Questions</b><br>Short Answer Questions are marked against the College's 0-10 marking scheme.   |
| 6.4. | <b>Oral Presentations &amp; Oral Examinations</b><br>The College marking scheme for Oral Presentations will be used for all appropriate presentations.  |
| 6.5. | <b>Reflective component (Discussion Forum)</b><br>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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| 6.6.   | <b>Direct Observation of Procedural Skills</b><br>Students will be assessed in the following areas (technical ability, health and safety, aseptic technique, time management, preparation of equipment and area and effective communication) and graded overall as a Met Expected Standard, or Not Yet Meeting Expected Standard |   |                     |   |
| 7.     | <b>Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements</b>   |   |                     |   |
|        | <b>First Sit</b>   | <b>Weighting</b>  | <b>Credit Value</b> | <b>Resit</b>  |
| 7.1.   | <b>Applied Animal Health &amp; Welfare 1</b><br>Paper<br>Assignment 1  | 50%<br>50%  | <b>30</b>           | As first sit.<br><br>A module assessment (not including "Pass / Fail" elements) passed at the second attempt may only be awarded a maximum of 50% |
| 7.2.   | <b>Applied Animal Health &amp; Welfare 2</b><br>Paper<br>Assignment<br>Presentation  | 50%<br>30%<br>20%                                       | <b>30</b>           |   |
| 7.3.   | <b>Academic &amp; Professional Development 1</b><br>Assignment 1<br>Assignment 2<br>Presentation<br>Practical (DOPS)<br>Placement documentation  | 50%<br>Pass / Fail<br>50%<br>Pass / Fail<br>Pass / Fail | <b>30</b>           |   |
| 8.     | <b>Requirements to Pass Overall</b>  |   |                     |   |
| 8.1.   | <b>Year 1 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing</b>   |   |                     |   |
| 8.1.1. | <b>Modules</b><br>In order to pass a module a student must obtain an aggregate average of 50% from the assessment activities combined<br>AND<br>At least 40% in each individual assessment activity<br>AND<br>Gain a 'Pass' in any pass/fail component<br>AND<br>Complete all placement paperwork required for RCVS registration |   |                     |   |
| 8.1.2  | <b>FdSc/BSc Year 1</b><br>In order to pass Year 1 overall a student must achieve a pass in all modules   |   |                     |   |
| 8.2    | <b>Certificate of Higher Education in Small Animal Welfare and Care</b>  |   |                     |   |
| 8.2.1  | <b>Modules</b><br>In order to pass a module a student must obtain an aggregated average of 40% from the assessment activities combined (excluding the pass/fail components)  |   |                     |   |
| 8.2.2  | <b>Certificate</b><br>To have achieved a pass in all Year 1 modules  |   |                     |   |
| 9.     | <b>Requirements to Proceed</b>   |   |                     |   |
| 9.1.   | <b>To Proceed to Year 2 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing</b><br>To have met the requirements to pass Year 1 overall (section 8.1).   |   |                     |   |

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| <b>10.</b>  | <p><b>Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete</b></p> <p>10.1. A student is required to resit any module failed at the first attempt (&lt;50%). In order to resit, a student will retake any assessment activity failed at the first attempt (see Section 7).</p> <p>10.2. The mark obtained for a module at the second attempt shall be no greater than 50%.</p> <p>10.3. A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and <b>has not</b> 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 <b>has previously</b> repeated a year of undergraduate study at the College (on any programme) will be required to withdraw from the course. They 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. They will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.</p> |        |      |        |       |             |             |
| <b>11.</b>  | <p><b>Award and Classification</b></p> <p>11.1. Year 1 does not contribute towards the final classification for the BSc or FdSc course.</p> <p>11.2. The award of Certificate of Higher Education is available only to students who do not proceed to Year 2 of either the FdSc or the BSc.</p> <p>11.3. The award of Certificate of Higher Education will be classified by the aggregate average of marks as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>40-59%</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60-69%</td> <td>Merit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70% or more</td> <td>Distinction</td> </tr> </table>  | 40-59% | Pass | 60-69% | Merit | 70% or more | Distinction |
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| 70% or more | Distinction   |        |      |        |       |             |             |
| <b>12.</b>  | <p><b>Disclosure of Marks</b></p> <p>Results will be published by candidate number.</p>   |        |      |        |       |             |             |
| <b>13.</b>  | <p><b>Absence from Summative Assessment</b></p> <p>Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> absence, they 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 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>  |        |      |        |       |             |             |

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### **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.