

## Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	<b>Course</b>	Foundation & BSc Veterinary Nursing										
2.	<b>Year</b>	3										
3.	<b>Applicable to Academic Year</b>	2026/27										
4.	<b>Aspects of Course Covered by Assessment</b>	All modules studied in Year 3										
5.	<b>Form of Assessment</b>	<p><b>5.1. The Professional Veterinary Nurse</b>  <b>Assignment 1:</b> Audit proposal  <b>Assignment 2:</b> Peer reviewed reflective report</p> <p><b>5.2. Academic &amp; Professional Development 3</b>  <b>Assignment:</b> Team based knowledge Summary  <b>RCVS Competencies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completion of RCVS day one skills and competencies</li> <li>• submission of the required placement documentation</li> <li>• 1800 hours in placement</li> </ul> <p><b>Practical:</b> Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE)</p>										
6.	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<p><b>6.1. Assignments:</b>  The appropriate RVC Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking extended pieces of work depending on the type of assessment.  The Common Grading Schemes available are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Grading Scheme (LAQ)</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2 RCVS Competencies:</b>  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 to 100% to gain entry to the OSCE examinations of the course.</p> <p><b>6.3. Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)</b>  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>										
7.	<b>Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">First Sit</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Weighting</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Credit Value</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Resit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;"> <b>7.1. The Professional Veterinary Nurse</b>  Assignment 1  Assignment 2 (Pass / Fail) </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> 100%  N/A </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> <b>10</b>  <b>5</b> </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> As first sit. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			First Sit	Weighting	Credit Value	Resit	<b>7.1. The Professional Veterinary Nurse</b> Assignment 1 Assignment 2 (Pass / Fail)	100% N/A	<b>10</b> <b>5</b>	As first sit.
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7.2.	<p><b>Academic &amp; Professional Development 3</b>            Group Assignment (80%)            Peer Review (20%)            RCVS Competencies (1800 Hours &amp; Skills Log) including all placement documentation (Pass / Fail)</p> <p>Practical (OSCE) (Pass / Fail)</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>10</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Requirements to Pass Overall</b></p> <p>8.1. <b>Year 3 of the FdSc/BSc Veterinary Nursing</b></p> <p>8.1.1 <b>Modules</b>            In order to pass a module a student must obtain at least 40% from each of the assessment activities</p> <p>AND            Gain a 'Pass' in any pass/fail assessment activities</p> <p>8.2 <b>Award of FdSc Veterinary Nursing</b>            In order to pass Year 3 overall a student must achieve a pass in all modules</p>			
9.	<p><b>Requirements to Proceed to BSc Year 4</b></p> <p>9.1 <b>BSc Veterinary Nursing Students</b>            A student on the BSc pathway must have met the requirements to pass Year 3 of the FdSc/BSc overall (section 8).</p> <p>9.2 <b>FdSc Veterinary Nursing Students</b>            A student on the FdSc pathway must achieve a Merit overall in the Foundation degree to continue into the 4<sup>th</sup> Year BSc course.</p>			
10.	<p><b>Consequences of Failure or Failure to Complete</b></p> <p>10.1 A student who does not complete the RCVS day one skills and competencies ( NPL) by the first assessment deadline, will be required to defer this assessment to the second assessment deadline, within the same academic year. The deferral of this assessment will result in a student becoming ineligible to sit the practical assessment (OSCE) at the first sit and will be required to sit this assessment as a first attempt (providing that they have completed the RCVS day one skills and competencies) at the second assessment deadline within the same academic year.</p> <p>10.2 Students who have an authorised deferral of the RCVS day one skills and competencies (NPL) will be required to meet the second assessment deadline within the same academic year. Students who fail to meet this second deadline will be considered to have failed the module overall.</p> <p>10.3 A student is required to resit any module failed at the first attempt (&lt;40%). In order to resit the module a student will retake any assessment activity failed at the first attempt.</p> <p>10.4 The mark obtained for a module at the second attempt shall be no greater than 40%. When only resitting a pass/ fail assessment activity the module will not be capped.</p>			

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10.5	A BSc pathway student who fails to satisfy the requirements to proceed to Year 4 BSc (section 9) after two attempts will be withdrawn from the course. They have a right of appeal as described in the RVC Regulations.
10.6	A FdSc pathway student who fails to satisfy the requirements of Year 3 after two attempts will be withdrawn from the course. They have a right of appeal as described in the RVC Regulations.
10.7	A student who has successfully completed Year 1 and Year 2 remains eligible for the award of Certificate in Higher Education in Small Animal Welfare & Care or they have a right of appeal as described in the RVC Regulations.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Award and Classification</b>
11.1	Year 3 of the FdSc contributes 35% towards the overall FdSc final mark.
11.2	Year 3 of the BSc will contribute 10% to the overall BSc degree classification.
11.3	For the FdSc the classification is based on the weighted marks of Year 2 and Year 3  Mark of 40 - 64% obtained from year 2 and 3 combined:            Pass Mark of 65 - 69% obtained from year 2 and 3 combined:            Merit Mark of 70% or more obtained from year 2 and 3 combined:        Distinction
<b>12.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Marks</b>  Results will be published by candidate number.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Absence from Summative Assessment</b>  If a student does not submit a piece of assessment or is absent from an examination the mark awarded will be 0 (zero).
<b>14.</b>	<b>Late Submission of Work</b>  Reports, Projects, and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the RVC's General Assessment Regulations.