





Veterinary Nursing Assistant

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New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6)

 Level 6
 1 year, full-time
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Become a fully qualified veterinary nurse. Develop and learn a range of nursing skills including clinical, surgical, hospital and diagnostic skills, both in the classroom as well as on work placement in veterinary clinics. You will be eligible to apply for registration with the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association.

This programme is for students who have completed the Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Veterinary Nursing Assistant) programme.

What you will learn

- Surgical and dentistry nursing
- Diagnostic skills, including collecting and testing diagnostic samples and medical imaging
- Gain knowledge in hospital nursing
- Perform clinical skills

Career options

- Veterinary nurse
- Veterinary wholesale product sales
- Veterinary practice management/wildlife management
- Animal control officer

Entry requirements

Domestic students

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Veterinary Nursing Assistant) Level 5 or equivalent.

All students are required to undergo a Ministry of Justice criminal record check at the time of entry into

the programme.

International students

Proven equivalence for Domestic Entry Requirements plus IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent) with no band score lower than 5.5.**

Apply through Otago

This full-time programme is delivered in collaboration with Otago Polytechnic on the Whitireia, Porirua campus. You will need additional forms and documents for your application, please read the steps and complete the online application in the Natural Sciences section using the link below:

[Apply through Otago Polytechnic](#)

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