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School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Extra Mural Studies Factsheet

About the Veterinary Science Program at Adelaide

The Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) program (3 years) forms the first part of the veterinary science program. It is followed by a three-year postgraduate Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program that focuses on the clinical skills required for veterinary practice. Students must complete the full 6 year program to achieve the level of competence required by the School in order to graduate and be registrable as a veterinarian. For information on the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program please visit http://www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder/2025/dvetm_drvetmedi.html

Year	Year in Program
1	Vet Bio – 1 st year
2	Vet Bio – 2 nd year
3	Vet Bio – 3 rd year
4	DVM – 1 st year
5	DVM – 2 nd year
6	DVM – 3 rd year

DVM EMS

Within the DVM program students must complete 23 weeks of DVM Extra Mural Studies (EMS) which has been divided into 3 phases (click [here](#) for details on each phase):

Phase 1 – first year DVM students (first 6 weeks of clinical placements) + one week in the After Hours clinic on campus

Phase 2 – second year DVM students (4 weeks)

Phase 3 – final year DVM students (12 weeks)

Attendance of 5 days for 8 hours per day over a 7 day week (40 hours) is the expected minimum attendance for each week of placement. The times can be adjusted to suit the student or practice but need to be discussed and agreed upon by both parties.

Before the commencement of the placement you will receive the Student Placement Agreement which outlines the students phase and emergency contact details.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to complete DVM EMS Student Placement Diary which includes their Personal Learning Objectives (PLO's) for this placement. These will also be outlined in their Student Placement Agreement. The objectives each student sets will vary depending on their year level, how many work placements they have completed and what is reasonable within the constraints of your enterprise. These objectives should be reviewed at the start of the placement which includes a discussion about what objectives might be realistic to achieve. At the conclusion of the placement the supervisor is to sign which PLO's were achieved, indicate if a compulsory species requirement was met and verify attendance. Click [here](#) for details.

Contact Us

Placement Team

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STUDENT SAFETY ON PLACEMENT

We ask our sites complete the necessary inductions in relation to health and safety.

SUPERVISOR ASSESSMENT

It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete a Supervisor's Assessment Form at the completion of the placement. This can be discussed with the student as appropriate. Students will be required to provide feedback to the School on each placement they attend. A link to the Supervisor's Assessment Form will be emailed to site near the end of the placement. Alternatively the form can be accessed through the student placement system [Sonia Online](#). If you would like to provide confidential feedback on a student please email us on animalvetsci@adelaide.edu.au.

INSURANCE

The University maintains a Public Liability insurance policy that will indemnify the host organisation for any negligent act, error or omission by the student during the period of the work placement. It is expected that host organisations also have their own Public Liability Insurance for their own protection. Please refer to the [School of Animal and Veterinary Science Student Placement Guide](#) as proof of the University's insurance.

Student Placement System

[Sonia Online](#) is the student placement system which manages our Extra Mural Studies placements. You can view up and coming students, complete forms and view historical information.

After Hours Emergencies: 0437 298 746

Email : animalvetsci@adelaide.edu.au