About the Veterinary Technology Program at Adelaide

The Bachelor Veterinary Technology program (3 years) is located at the Roseworthy Campus at the University of Adelaide. The program is designed to prepare students for a wide range of possible careers in Animal Health and Welfare. The program content is diverse in species – from companion animal to horses, production animals and wildlife – and broad in approach to health management strategies – from intensive care of individual animals to population medicine, public health and business management. This Bachelor's Degree prepares graduates for employment within a wide range of veterinary and animal health careers, from veterinary practice to government departments, private enterprises to education. For information on the Veterinary Technology program please visit https://www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder/2024/bvt_bvettech.html

INTRODUCTION

Bachelor of Veterinary Technology students after completing their first year are required to complete 150 hours of extramural studies (EMS) in an external veterinary or animal health facility. The aim of the EMS program is to give students hands-on experience of working in a veterinary practice or similar facility before embarking on the clinical courses in the latter half of the degree program. The EMS experience provides an invaluable context for the theoretical studies of animal health management in Levels II and III of the program.

Students will complete their EMS by attending and participating in the work of two different veterinary practices for two full time weeks, in an unpaid role. It is expected that most students will complete their EMS during the summer vacation at the end of the first year of study.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The EMS placements and the assessment items that are based on those placements contribute to the grade that students achieve in the Level II course *VET TECH 2030RW Introduction to Workplace Skills*. Consequently, EMS must be completed by the end of the mid-semester break in the semester during which students are enrolled in *VET TECH 2030RW Introduction to Workplace Skills.*

Students must complete their EMS satisfactorily in order to pass the course. Students are expected to engage fully in the learning opportunities presented at their placement and display initiative and a willingness to develop their knowledge and technical skill. Students should maintain a high level of professionalism during their placements. Students will be required to keep a record of the procedures and skills they have engaged in during their placement.

Students on placement will have completed the first year of their degree and as such have the following courses; Animal Handling and Husbandry, Principles of Veterinary Nursing, Foundations in Science, Anatomy for Vet Techs, Principles of Animal Behaviour, Welfare and Ethics, Physiology for Vet Techs, Introduction to Mechanisms of Health, Evidence based Veterinary Technology.

Students should therefore be capable of basic animal husbandry, restraint techniques and stock movement, clinic infection control procedures, subcutaneous & intramuscular injections, basic clinical diagnostic procedures, record keeping, drug calculations and comply with WHS requirements. Click here to see the skills they may engage in.

STUDENT SAFETY ON PLACEMENT

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

SUPERVISOR ASSESSMENT

We ask that you 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 the 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 placements. You can view up and coming students, complete forms and view historical information.

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