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BACHELOR OF VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

> **Why study CSU's Bachelor of Veterinary Technology?**

The Bachelor of Veterinary Technology integrated program combines TAFE and university study to provide a career pathway for students who enjoy working with people and animals. You will develop the required technical and practical skills to work as a veterinary technologist in a range of animal-related settings and industries, through a flexible study format.

This course has been designed in response to rising educational standards for veterinary technologists internationally. A degree qualification is now required for veterinary technologists in Canada, the UK and the USA. Increasing demand for high quality companion animal care, pressure on production animal systems and significant advances in reproductive technology mean a degree-level qualification is also becoming more important for veterinary paraprofessionals in Australia. CSU's Bachelor of Veterinary Technology has been developed to meet this need.

> **Career opportunities**

As a graduate of CSU's Bachelor of Veterinary Technology, you will be eligible to seek employment as a veterinary technologist or paraprofessional in a range of animal care settings.

These may include:

- private and specialist veterinary clinics
- practice management
- thoroughbred or standardbred stud farms
- animal research
- intensive animal industries
- pharmaceutical companies
- zoo and wildlife parks

Graduates can also pursue postgraduate study options including Honours, Masters and PhD.

Some reasons for studying Veterinary Technology at CSU:

Graduate with two certificates, Bachelor of Veterinary Technology from CSU and a Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing from Gotafe.

Gain the experience required for professional recognition as an accredited veterinary nurse.

This program offers flexible study options that allow you to combine on campus and online study to suit your needs.



What is the TAFE integrated program?

The integrated program is a dual TAFE and university qualification that is studied at the same time at both institutions. Students who are school leavers or those who have not completed a Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing follow the integrated program pathway and will be required to concurrently enrol in the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing through Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) and the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology at CSU. Your Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing forms part of your degree, and provides credit for the equivalent of four subjects.

The GOTAFE component of the course is offered through supported online study and residential schools at Wangaratta. You can choose to study the CSU component of this course on campus at CSU in Wagga Wagga, or online, in combination with residential schools at both Wagga Wagga and Wangaratta. This allows you to fit study around your existing work or lifestyle commitments, and begin working as a veterinary nurse while you upgrade your qualifications to become a veterinary technologist.

What is the TAFE articulated program?

If you already hold a Certificate IV or Diploma of Veterinary Nursing, consider CSU's Bachelor of Veterinary Technology articulated program to upgrade your qualifications. An articulated program is one where your veterinary nursing qualifications are formally recognised. This is important for two reasons:

- the completion of your Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing ensures that you have met the entry requirements for the degree and do not require an ATAR
- a formal credit package recognises the skills and knowledge you bring from your previous work and study, so you will receive credit for some subjects.

This pathway is only available to those who already hold a qualification in Veterinary Nursing (i.e. either the Certificate IV or one of the Diploma of Veterinary Nursing qualifications). Students in the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology articulated program will receive a credit package of between 32 and 48 points (four to six subjects) depending on their TAFE veterinary nursing qualification. You will then complete the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology through CSU, either on campus at Wagga Wagga or online. For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-veterinary-technology

Workplace learning

Workplace learning is an integral part of this course, and is included in a number of subjects, depending on the stream you select. Your workplace learning experiences will range from five to 15 days in duration, and can be undertaken in a variety of settings related to your theoretical study, helping you apply your studies to real life settings.

Job outcomes

- veterinary technologist
 - small animal
 - equine
 - production animal
 - zoo and wildlife
 - emergency and critical care
 - surgery
- practice management
- business management
- animal welfare
- technical officer
- animal health
- pharmaceutical
- intensive industries (poultry / pigs)
- animal research laboratory officer
- pedigree analyst

Further study options

- Honours
- Masters
- Higher degrees by research
- Postgraduate Business qualifications

Career progression

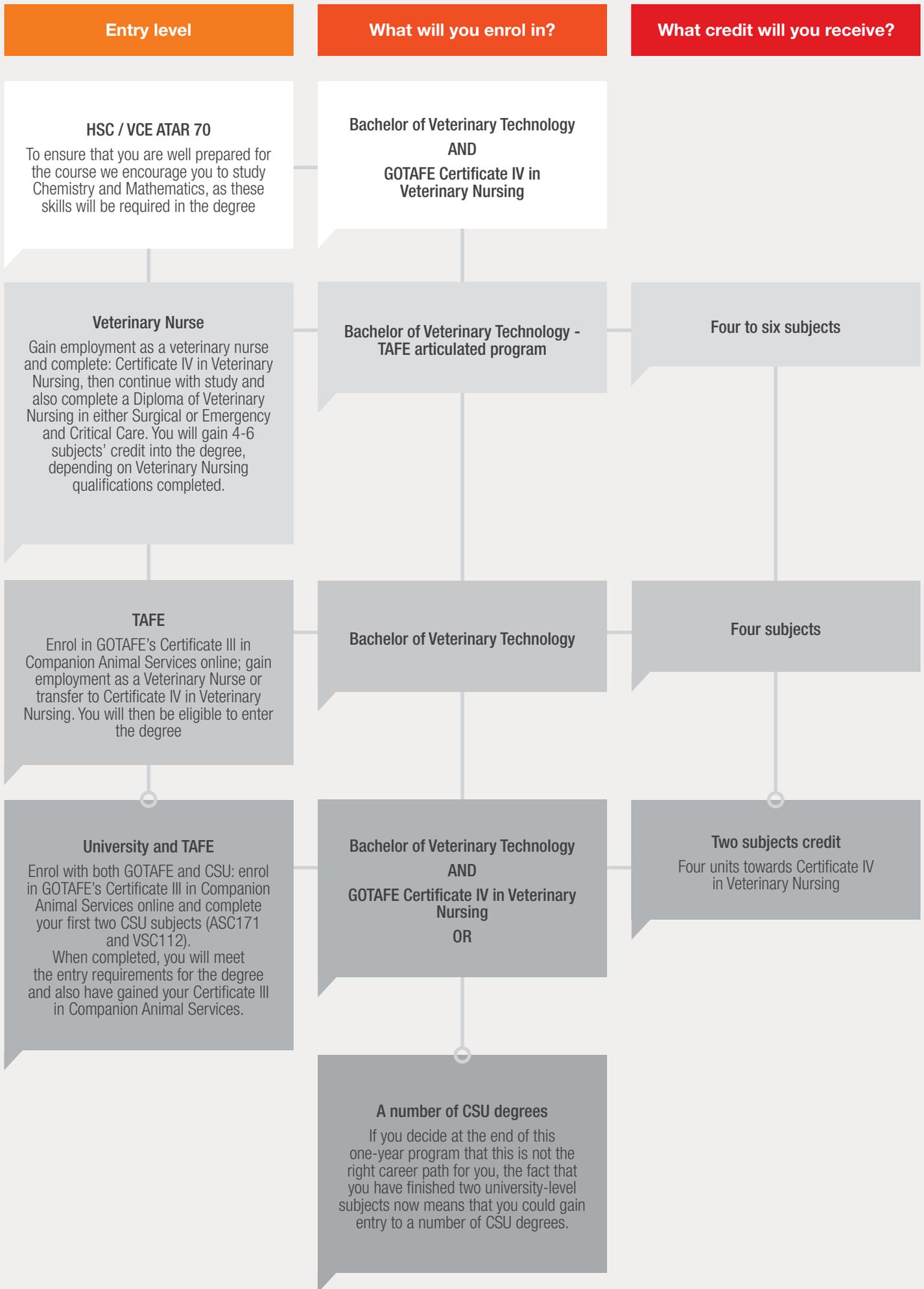
- academic (internationally)
- agribusiness consultant
- behaviourist
- geneticist
- nutritionist
- researcher

Course structure

Secondary school

Vocational pathway / TAFE

Alternative pathways





Online study allowed me to work full-time as normal and residential schools are wonderful! They help bring the subject together, and having the lecturers up close and personal was great. I had been searching for a course to give me veterinary credibility and an ability to work autonomously in allied health - and this course provided me with relevant knowledge and industry recognition.

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Bachelor of Veterinary Technology

About CSU

CSU is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching. We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries. We attract more than 38,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses, supported online to provide our students with accessible, world class education.

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www.csu.edu.au

Study locations

CSU study locations at Wagga Wagga and at Wangaratta offer excellent facilities for students in Animal and Veterinary Sciences courses.

Wagga Wagga Campus facilities include state-of-the-art, purpose-built clinical and pre-clinical centres, an Equine Centre, on campus farm, museums and laboratories where you will work with real animals on campus. CSU in Wangaratta has similar animal science and veterinary sciences facilities, with a laboratory and clinical spaces, plus specialist veterinary technology simulated training equipment.

Regardless of whether you are studying on campus or online, all students are required to attend several residential schools at Wangaratta, in first, second and third year (depending on selected stream) of the program.

What will I learn?

As well as a general stream, the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology offers streams in Clinical Technology, Large Animal Technology and Practice Management, so you can select the subjects that best meet your current and future employment needs and goals. You will study areas including animal handling, animal welfare, animal nutrition, anatomy and physiology, clinical examination skills, communication, ethics and moral issues in animal care and veterinary services industries, animal reproduction technologies, and emergency management and critical care procedures.

This course has been developed in collaboration with representatives from veterinary practices, pig, poultry and dairy industries, horse studs, animal welfare organisations and zoos. Practical experience across a range of settings will ensure you graduate work-ready with the skills sought by employers.

Flexible study options

This course provides flexible study options that allow you to combine on campus and online study to suit your needs. CSU enables you to access a wide range of online study resources, communication tools, readings and interactive learning activities. Online resources could also include videos, simulated teaching presentations, and self assessment questions. Your theoretical learning will be complemented with residential schools for online subjects, where you will come on campus either at Wangaratta (Victoria) or Wagga Wagga (NSW) for a few days to develop practical skills, complete hands-on learning activities and meet other students and staff.

Further information

For more information about the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, phone 1800 468 233 or visit: www.gotafe.vic.edu.au

For more information or to apply, visit:

www.csu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-veterinary-technology



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