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GOTAFE Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

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CSU Bachelor of Veterinary Technology

joint program



Some reasons for studying Veterinary Technology at CSU:

- CSU's Bachelor of Veterinary Technology prepares graduates to provide professional support to veterinarians in a range of animal care settings
- You will complete TAFE and University study at the same time
- Gain the practical experience required for accreditation with the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia (VNCA) and Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) in the Accredited Veterinary Nurses Scheme
- You choose the study option that suits you. This program provides flexible study options that allow you to combine on campus and distance education study to suit your needs.

WHY STUDY 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 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 support staff 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.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The Bachelor of Veterinary Technology offers streams in Clinical Technology, Large Animal Technology and Practice Management, as well as a general stream, 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 the animal care and veterinary services industries, large 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.

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 range of settings related to your theoretical study, helping you apply what you are learning in the course to real life settings.

WHAT IS THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM?

In simple terms an integrated program is a dual TAFE and University qualification that is studied at the same time. 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 will be offered by supported distance education, and you can choose to study the CSU component on campus at CSU in Wagga Wagga, or by distance education.

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.

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.

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FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

This course provides flexible study options that allow you to combine on campus and distance education study to suit your needs. You will be able to access a wide range of study resources, communication tools, readings and interactive learning activities using CSU's online systems. Online resources could also include videos, simulated teaching presentations, and self-assessment questions.

Your theoretical learning will be complemented with residential schools for distance education subjects, where you will come on campus either at Wangaratta (VIC) or Wagga Wagga (NSW) for a few days to develop practical skills, complete hands-on learning activities and meet other students and staff.

WAGGA WAGGA AND WANGARATTA

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

Wagga Wagga 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.

Wangaratta has similar animal science and veterinary sciences facilities, with a laboratory and clinical spaces, plus specialist veterinary technology simulated training equipment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

These may include:

- private veterinary clinics
- specialist clinics
- thoroughbred or standardbred stud farms
- intensive animal industries
- pharmaceutical companies.

Graduates can also pursue postgraduate study options including honours, masters and PhD.

IF YOU ALREADY HOLD A CERTIFICATE IV IN VETERINARY NURSING

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 to apply.
- There is also a formal credit package that recognises the skills and knowledge that you bring from your previous work and study which enables you to 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 by supported distance education.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about CSU's Bachelor of Veterinary Technology-GOTAFE Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing or to apply, visit:

www.csu.edu.au/courses/animal-veterinary-sciences

www.animalsciences.com.au/courses/cert-iv-veterinary-nursing



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