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Overview

UCD's BSc (Veterinary Nursing) is

- Ireland's first Level 8 Veterinary Nursing degree
- 4 year full-time programme



Why UCD?



World class veterinary facilities

Ireland's only veterinary library University farm & Veterinary Hospital (teaching hospital & specialist staff)

Access to UCD's student facilities

Award winning student centre (Olympic swimming pool, gym and cinema)





Ireland's only Level 8 vet nursing degree

Option to apply for lecturing jobs, post-graduate study





Entry routes include CAO with also a number of places for alternative entry (e.g. mature, FETAC)

Intake = 46 students per year approx Further information from Admissions

CAO

Required subjects:

O6/H7 in Irish*, English, Maths
O3/H6 in a Laboratory Science subject
2 other recognised subjects
CAO points in 2019 were 465* (minimum)

FETAC

Pass in any one of the following QQI-FET Level 5 awards with distinctions (80% or better) in a minimum of 5 modules:

Laboratory Techniques or Animal
Care

Mature Entry

Assessed on the basis of relevant experience and previous relevant qualifications



Year One

Anatomy and Physiology
Principles of Veterinary Nursing
Practical Animal Husbandry
Chemistry
Professional practice
Understanding Infectious Disease
VN Clinical Placement S1
Elective choice
**subject to change



Year Two

Laboratory Work for Veterinary Nurses
Veterinary Surgical Nursing
Applied Veterinary Pharmacology
Anaesthesia for Vet Nurses
General Veterinary Practice Experience
Diagnostic Imaging for Veterinary Nurses
Veterinary Medical Nursing
Animal Behaviour for Vet Nursing



Year Three

External Clinical Placement (12 weeks)
Professional skills and clinical skills I
Animal intensive care and rehabilitation
Farm Animal Nursing
Ethics, legislation & critical thinking
Elective choice



Year Four

VN Clinical Placement S4

• 12 weeks approx. in UCD Veterinary Hospital & DSPCA Applied Veterinary Nursing Professional and Clinical Skills II Veterinary Nursing Project (literature review)



Career Prospects

UCD Graduates have found work as RVNs in Ireland, UK, Canada & Australia

01 | Veterinary clinic or hospital

02 | Industry: Nutrition, Pharmaceuticals, Insurance

03 | Education

04 Research

05 | Practice management







