

This document covers the admission requirements for the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Veterinary Nursing Assistant)

For the full Terms and Conditions of this programme download the following:

[Certificate Generic Regulations](#)
[Programme \(Specific\) Regulations](#)
[Admission Requirements Policy](#)

To be eligible for admission, you must meet two admission requirements:

- requirements for either general admission
- English language requirements.

Most domestic (NZ) students enter through general admission. If you do not meet the requirements for general admission then special admission or discretionary admission may be available.

General Admission

The General Admission requirements set out in the Certificate Generic Regulations do not apply to this programme; to be admitted to this programme, all applicants must:

1. have completed 60 NCEA credits at level 2;

AND

2. have a minimum of 12 NCEA credits in English at Level 2 and 12 credits in Maths at level 1; and 12 credits of relevant science at level 1;

OR

3. have equivalent tertiary study.

Students should be able to demonstrate previous experience working with animals, and an aptitude for working with the public:

- All applicants must spend at least three days in a veterinary clinic before applying for this programme. Applicants must supply a letter of recommendation from the veterinary clinic with their application; and
- An aptitude for working with the public may include reference from an employer where the prospective student has worked with the public (e.g. retail), reference from a teacher attesting to social skills.

AND

Students must also meet all regulatory body and legislative requirements. Applicants must:

- Sign a consent form allowing a Ministry of Justice convictions database search by a third party (in this instance Unitec Institute of Technology). Any applicants with undeclared convictions identified will be referred to the Admissions Committee.

AND

- Provide a completed medical declaration indicating there is no evidence of a medical condition that will impact on their ability to practice safely as a veterinary nurse assistant.

English Language Requirements

General English Language requirements

Applicants must have achieved a minimum standard of English as demonstrated by a minimum of 12 credits at NCEA Level 1 in English.

English language entry requirements for international students for whom English is not their first language:

Applicants must have at least ONE of the following:

- a) Gained NCEA level 3 and met New Zealand university entrance requirements;
- b) Clear evidence that they satisfy one of the following criteria for existing English proficiency:
 1. Previous primary and secondary study in English as evidenced by completion of one of the following at schools with English as the language of instruction in countries with a student visa approval rate of at least 80 per cent:
 - i. Completion of all primary education and at least three years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13), or
 - ii. Completion of at least five years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13)at schools using English as the language of instruction are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF
 2. Previous tertiary study in English: International students are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF when they can provide clear evidence of completion of a Bachelor Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree with English as the language of instruction, from tertiary education providers from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States.
 3. Achievement of the Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
- c) Achieved, within the preceding two years, at least one of the English proficiency outcomes listed below:
 1. NZ Certificate in English Language (NZCEL) with endorsement of either General or Employment (Level 4)

2. An overall IELTS band score (Academic Format) of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5. The IELTS scores used must be taken from a single IELTS Test Report Form.
3. An overall TOEFL Paper-based test (pBT) score of 530 (essay 4.5 TWE)
4. University of Cambridge English Examinations: FCE, or FCE for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill
5. Pearson Test of English PToE (Academic) with a score of 42 with no score lower than 36