This document covers the admission requirements for the New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing

For the full Terms and Conditions of this programme download the following:
- Diploma Generic Regulations
- Programme (Specific) Regulations
- Admission Requirements Policy

To be eligible for admission, you must meet two admission requirements:
- Requirements for general admission
- English language requirements

General Admission

To apply for this programme, candidates are required to meet all of the below entry requirements:

a. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age on the date of the programme’s have completed the requirements of the Veterinary Nursing Assistant strand of the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5), or equivalent; and
b. 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
c. 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.

Graduates who hold the Unitec Certificate in Animal Management (Animal Clinical Care) and have been practising as a Veterinary Nursing Assistant for no less than two years are considered to meet the admission requirements.

English Language Requirements

General English Language requirements

Applicants must have achieved a minimum standard of English as demonstrated by a minimum of 8 credits at NCEA Level 2 in English (4 in Reading, 4 in Writing).

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)

Applicants must meet the following English language requirements. You must have achieved at least one of the English proficiency qualifications listed below. You will need to prove that you achieved the qualification within two years before applying.

1. NZ Certificate in English Language (NZCEL) (Academic) (Level 4)
2. An overall IELTS band score (Academic Format) of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5. The IELTS scores used must be taken from a single IELTS Test Report Form.
3. An overall TOEFL Paper-based test (pBT) score of 550 (essay 5 TWE) OR an overall TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT) Score of 60 (writing 18)
4. University of Cambridge English Examinations: FCE, or FCE for schools, or CAE, or CPE with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill
5. Pearson Test of English PToE (Academic) with a score of 50 with no score lower than 42

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