



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing [BVetNurs] (08130006)

Department Veterinary Science Dean's Office

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 388

NQF level 07

Programme information

This programme is accredited with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC).

Each student must apply immediately after registration at UP to the Registrar of the South African Veterinary Council for registration as a student in Veterinary Nursing. Registration is compulsory and must be renewed annually for the duration of the study.

After the degree has been conferred, graduates are required to register with the South African Veterinary Council as veterinary nurses before they may practise in South Africa in this capacity.

Also refer to General Academic Regulations G1-G15.

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2025

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC)** and **Independent Examination Board (IEB)** qualifications. [Click here for this Faculty Brochure.](#)

Enquiries: [click here](#)

Minimum requirements			
Achievement level			
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences or Life Sciences	APS
NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	
4	4	4	28

For advice on a second-choice programme for Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing, please consult a Student Advisor. To make an appointment, send an email to carol.bosch@up.ac.za.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.
Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.
Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.
Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.
Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the International undergraduate prospectus 2025: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa), available at [click here](#).

International Students: [Click here](#)

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students is the same as the above

Note: Any deliberate omission of information, or any false information provided by an applicant in his/her application or on the Veterinary Nursing Value-added Form (VNVAFF) may result in the immediate cancellation of the application, admission or registration.

Examinations and pass requirements

Refer to UP General Academic Regulations and General Student Rules

- i. All modules of this programme are compulsory.
- ii. Attendance of all lectures, practical, and clinic duties is compulsory. Any form of absence must be justified by submission of a medical certificate or valid documentation, within 3 working days after returning. Failure to comply may result in examination refusal.
- iii. No minimum semester/year mark is required for admission to the examination.
- iv. The semester/year marks and examination mark will count 50% each towards the final mark. Only semester/year, examination and final marks are to be rounded. No condonement of marks will be allowed.
- v. A student is required to obtain a subminimum of 40% in the examination as well as a final mark of at least 50% to pass a module. A subminimum of 40% in subdivisions of theoretical and/or practical examinations



may be required as stipulated by the Dean in consultation with the relevant head of department, and as set out in the study guide.

- vi. A student must pass all the modules of the respective previous year of study in order to be promoted to the subsequent year of study.
- vii. A second- or final-year student who fails a module or modules in a year of study, has to repeat all the modules for that particular year of study, except modules which were passed with a final mark of at least 65%, for which full exemption is granted.

During the repeat year, exemption from the examination is granted for a module that was passed in the previous year if at least 80% of the practical periods were attended and a year/semester mark of at least 50% was obtained. This applies to modules where full exemption is not granted (because the final mark in the previous year was less than 65%).

Examinations are compulsory in all the modules previously failed, as well as in those modules in which exemption from the examination has not been obtained. If a student fails any of these examinations (or supplementary examination), he or she will be excluded from the programme and will not be permitted to continue.

- viii. The content, format and duration of the supplementary, extraordinary, and/or special examination will be similar to that of the examination, except for oral examinations, where the supplementary, extraordinary, and/or special examination may be in a different format.
- ix. Students who have obtained a semester/year mark of 65% or more in a particular module may be promoted according to UP's General Academic Regulations. Departments will be allowed to use discretion in this regard. The rule will be stated in the study guide of the respected module.
- x. Examinations are conducted as stipulated in the Faculty Calendar.
- xi. A student will be allowed to repeat a particular year of study only once.

Practical/clinical/internship information

Proof of satisfactory completion of all prescribed clinical and practical components of the programme must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration of the Faculty.

Pass with distinction

The BVetNurs is conferred with distinction on a student who meets the following conditions:

- completes the degree in three years, and
- obtains a cumulative weighted average of at least 75% over the second and third years of study (the cumulative weighted average will not be rounded up to a whole number).



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Language and study skills 110 (LST 110) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 108 (UPO 108) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Clinical veterinary nursing 121 (CVN 121) - Credits: 8.00

Clinical veterinary nursing 122 (CVN 122) - Credits: 8.00

Nursing professional life 100 (LPN 100) - Credits: 15.00

Primary animal health care 110 (PAH 110) - Credits: 18.00

Veterinary nursing practice 110 (PVN 110) - Credits: 12.00

Veterinary nursing practice 120 (PVN 120) - Credits: 15.00

Foundational veterinary sciences 110 (SVF 110) - Credits: 15.00

Foundational veterinary sciences 120 (SVF 120) - Credits: 15.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Clinical veterinary nursing 211 (CVN 211) - Credits: 18.00

Clinical veterinary nursing 212 (CVN 212) - Credits: 12.00

Clinical veterinary nursing 213 (CVN 213) - Credits: 12.00

Clinical veterinary nursing 214 (CVN 214) - Credits: 12.00

Clinical veterinary nursing 221 (CVN 221) - Credits: 12.00

Clinical veterinary nursing 222 (CVN 222) - Credits: 18.00

Clinical veterinary nursing 223 (CVN 223) - Credits: 18.00

Nursing professional life 210 (LPN 210) - Credits: 12.00

Veterinary nursing practice 200 (PVN 200) - Credits: 6.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 148

Core modules

Nursing professional life 300 (LPN 300) - Credits: 8.00

Veterinary nursing practice 300 (PVN 300) - Credits: 140.00

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.