



INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY PROGRAM FAQs

Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Information correct for admission in 2020

OVERVIEW

The six year veterinary program at the University of Adelaide is comprised of two required sequenced degrees; the [Bachelor of Science \(Veterinary Bioscience\)](#) and the [Doctor of Veterinary Medicine \(DVM\)](#), both three years in duration.

Entry into the DVM is obtained through successful completion of the three year Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) and a high percentage of student's progress through to the DVM.

APPLICATION PROCESS



PREPARING TO APPLY

Before applying, applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the personal requirements for this course, as well as the academic requirements.

To be successful, applicants will need to meet the inherent requirements outlined below, plus demonstrate certain personal qualities through an interview process.

There is no requirement for students to produce a personal statement as part of the application process.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements associated with the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program that prospective students need to be aware of before applying. These requirements include, but are not limited to, physical fitness, physical capacity to learn how to handle a range of large and small animals; required vaccinations (specifically Q fever); and effective written communication.

Applicants must read the [Inherent requirements and vaccination guidelines](#) before submitting their applications.

By applying for this program, applicants must acknowledge these Inherent requirements and Vaccination guidelines. The University will make reasonable adjustments to the requirements of the veterinary programs to cater for students with disabilities but without compromising the academic integrity of the programs. Where the inherent requirements cannot be met with reasonable adjustments, University staff can provide guidance regarding other program and career options.

Interview and personal requirements

The interview comprises of a series of questions and provides an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their personal qualities.

Areas to be explored are: animal and veterinary experience, motivation and self-awareness, interpersonal and communication skills, understanding of the degree and veterinary profession, teamwork.

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for the interview, but are discouraged from reciting rehearsed responses. Attempts at rehearsing for the interview often trigger 'rehearsed' replies rather than 'natural' responses, which can lessen their overall performance. The interviews are reviewed after each cycle and the conduct of interviews may change from one year to the next. The University of Adelaide does not endorse any commercially available preparation courses.

For more information, please refer to the [Bachelor of Science \(Veterinary Bioscience\) International Admissions Guide](#)

Age restriction

Students who are under 17 and meet our English and academic requirements may undertake study at the University of Adelaide, but only if they are accompanied by a parent, guardian or eligible relative as per the Department of Home Affairs. They must live with the nominated guardian until they turn 18.

More information is available on the [University's international website](#).

ADMISSIONS

Dual citizens

In the Australian higher education system, Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens, and holders of an Australian permanent visa are classed as 'domestic students', even if they are studying an international qualification, such as HKDSE, A Levels or IB.

More information can be found at the [student finance website](#).

Quota

There is no quota for international admissions in to both the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) or the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Alternative pathways

If students do not meet the entry requirements for the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) or the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, there is no other program options in which to become a practicing veterinarian.

If students still wish to become a veterinarian, they may undertake a pathway program in order to meet the entry requirements. Please refer students to [Kaplan](#) for English requirements or [University of Adelaide College](#) for academic requirements.

Alternatively, students may wish to apply for other animal-related programs, such as the [Bachelor of Science \(Animal Behaviour\)](#) or the [Bachelor of Science \(Animal Science\)](#).

The [Bachelor of Science \(Biomedical Science\)](#) is also open to students and offers February and July intake. Students commencing in July may have a slightly limited selection of courses.

If students wish to pursue the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) after commencing these alternate programs, they must make a separate application again.

Direct entry to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Most students will enter the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) after successful completion of the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience).

If students have an **equivalent degree** to the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) they may also be eligible for entry into the DVM.

Graduates from a Bachelor of Science from the University of Adelaide or any other university are not eligible for direct entry into the DVM. Students may apply for the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience).

Students must:

- Check they meet the [entry requirements](#)
- [Lodge an application](#)
- Submit the [self-assessment checklist](#) (available in July 2019).

Please note:

- There are currently no equivalent bachelor degrees in Australia.
- Equivalence is generally achieved through the completion of a veterinary program from an overseas institution.

Applications using predicted grades

Students who submit their application prior to receiving their final exam results may be eligible for a conditional offer, providing their questionnaire and interview is successful. Final assessment will be based on their final grades only and not predicted grades.

International qualifications

All international qualifications are published on [Degree Finder](#).

https://www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder/bscpv_bscaspv.html#df-acc-admission

English language requirements

If students have completed IB, they are not required to sit IELTS.

The University do not accept AP or SAT without a US high school diploma. English is met if the student has studied five years of high school in America, but is not met by taking these aptitude tests. These tests are **not** accepted in conjunction with Hong Kong high school.

Chinese language as part of IB or A Levels score

Chinese language studied as part of IB will be counted, however, students who have studied A-Levels will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Maths prerequisites

Not all mathematics courses are standard across all US high school curriculums, however the SAT/AP does not meet University prerequisites. Entry requirements are only met by studying Mathematics or Algebra or Calculus or Statistics, and Chemistry in their US high school diploma.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS, PLEASE REFER TO THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (VETERINARY BIOSCIENCE) INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS GUIDE

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Adelaide is committed to providing educational opportunities for international students.

We offer a range of scholarships to international students who wish to undertake undergraduate and postgraduate coursework study.

For more information, please refer to the [Scholarships website](#).

STUDENT POPULATION

Students will join a diverse mix of students from Australia and all over the world, including China and Hong Kong.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Internships and placements help students to develop clinical and professional skills under supervision in real industry settings, including farms, veterinary practices and intensive production facilities.

Both the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine have a significant amount of hands-on animal work and professional experience built into their curriculum.

Undergraduate

Starting as early as semester 1, Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) students are required to undertake 12 weeks of animal husbandry placements throughout their degree (one week is equivalent to 40 hours). This must be completed before they can progress to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Please refer to the [program rule](#) for more information.

Postgraduate

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students complete 26 weeks. They are required to undertake 23 weeks of clinical placements (one week is equivalent of 40 hours) and complete three weeks in their final year through a DVM Elective Topic. This work counts towards their Extra Mural Studies.

Please refer to the [program rule](#) for more information.

Support

The University of Adelaide supports and assists students to find suitable industry placements.

Because some international students don't drive (or don't have a car), the University's Placement Team will assist by trying to allocate a placement that is either accessible by public transport, is located on-campus, or at a site that will take two students, so they can share transport. Some placement sites even offer to pick students up or allow students to live on site at the organisation.

The University also provide support to students who wish to undertake their placement overseas.

Fees

There is no additional international fee associated with undertaking an internship. There may be additional costs associated if a student chooses to go interstate or overseas for their placement, as they will need to pay for their own transport or accommodation. Scholarships and OS help is available.

EMPLOYMENT

Registration

The veterinary science program at the University of Adelaide has been granted accreditation by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC), the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Hong Kong and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK).

This means when students graduate from the DVM, they will be eligible for registration as a veterinarian in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong.

Students need to refer to the relevant registration body in the country of practice for details on how to become a member.

In order to practice as a vet in Malaysia, students must meet the requirements of the Malaysian Veterinary Council (MVC) and complete a recognised degree. At this time, the University of Adelaide veterinary program is not a recognised degree with the MVC.

Careers

Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)

This is the first part of the veterinary science program. Graduates gain direct entry into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program. Completing both degrees makes students eligible to register as a veterinarian, where they might own a practice or travel to farms around the country treating animals. Veterinary bioscience could also lead to roles in research in equine, zoo animal or wildlife medicine. Graduates might even work in biosecurity, managing programs to prevent disease and pollution.

Graduates find employment opportunities in:

- government agencies
- livestock and agricultural management
- livestock production and nutrition
- private companies
- zoos and animal welfare organisations.

Potential careers include:

Zookeeper, Zoologist, Animal / Veterinary Technician, Bioinformatics, Pathway to Veterinary Medicine, Quarantine Officer, Science Communicators, Science Educators, Scientific Data Analyst, Animal Behaviourist, Animal Breeding, Animal Welfare, Scientific Officer, Government or Corporate Policy Adviser.

Alternative study pathways after graduation from Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)

If students do not want to undertake the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, they can apply for an additional year of study in an area of research or professional practice.

Students may also advance to research training via a Master of Philosophy.

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Successful completion of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program allows registration as a veterinarian in Australasia.

Graduates may also advance to research training via Master of Philosophy and/or PhD route or to clinical specialty training via residency and specialty examination route.

Potential careers include: Veterinarian or Zookeeper

Successful Alumni

Video: [MANHEI MA, a Veterinary Ultrasonographer in Hong Kong.](#)

Further Information

For further information regarding the admissions process please visit:

<https://sciences.adelaide.edu.au/study/animal-veterinary-science/how-to-apply-veterinary-program>