

# New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Rural Animal Technician)



Domestic fee: \$7,610

Please note: This programme is not available to international students.

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## Location

- Online with a block course
- A one-year, part-time, online option is also available for those with existing knowledge and skills due to practical experience in this area. [Find out more >](#)

**Duration** One year full-time or two years part-time

**Delivery** Study online with a four-day block course in Dunedin or Wairarapa and 240 hours of compulsory work experience

**Credits** 120

**Level** 5

**Start** February

**Apply** Now for our work-based learning option if you have prior knowledge and experience. Applications have now closed for our 2022 online intake. Please register your interest for 2023 by emailing [ebsVET@op.ac.nz](mailto:ebsVET@op.ac.nz)

## NEW!

There are some exciting changes coming to our Animal Healthcare and Veterinary Nursing programmes in 2023. Updated programme information will be added as soon as possible.

To chat about the best options for you or for further information, please email [vetnursing@op.ac.nz](mailto:vetnursing@op.ac.nz)

## Enjoy working on the farm and in a rural veterinary practice environment?

This programme gives you the skills to be a veterinary technician working with

large animals. You'd mainly work with dairy cattle but also with sheep, horses, deer and lifestyle animals.

You'll gain the technical skills you need to independently carry out a number of tasks in the rural veterinary practice and become skilled at handling a range of rural animal species.

You will learn how to:

- take care of animal patients with conditions such as lameness and mastitis,
- take and process diagnostics samples,
- manage disease and parasite prevention strategies, and
- assist with reproduction medicine including metri-checking, disbudding and rearing.

In addition, you'll develop your communication skills, understand the importance of professionalism and team fit, be able to manage client education and understand rural veterinary practice management.

Benefit from first-rate block course facilities and a range of rural veterinary equipment, including a well-resourced training laboratory, simulation models and farm visits where animal handling takes place.

Online, flexible delivery allows you to fit your study around other commitments and make use of our industry connections.

Career opportunities

Entry requirements

Skills required for working in this area

Want your existing skills recognised?

You will study

Your work placements

Studying online

Your workload

Further study options

Additional costs

Student loans and allowances

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